

A collage of various comic book covers from the mid-20th century, including titles like 'Supermouse', 'Startling Comics', 'Jetta', 'Mystery Comics', 'Fantastic Tales', 'Cosmo Cat', 'Strange Worlds', 'Exciting Comics', 'Daring Adventures', 'Casper Cat', 'Eerie', 'Exciting Comics', 'Barnyard Comics', 'Famous Funnies', 'Hill Country', 'Teen-Age Sweetheart', 'Jetta', 'Science', 'Quick Lunch', 'Snake Eyes', 'Miss Masque', 'Eerie', 'Exciting Comics', 'Casper Cat', and 'Daring Adventures'. A large, stylized speech bubble in the center contains the text 'WEB COMIC UNIVERSE.COM'.

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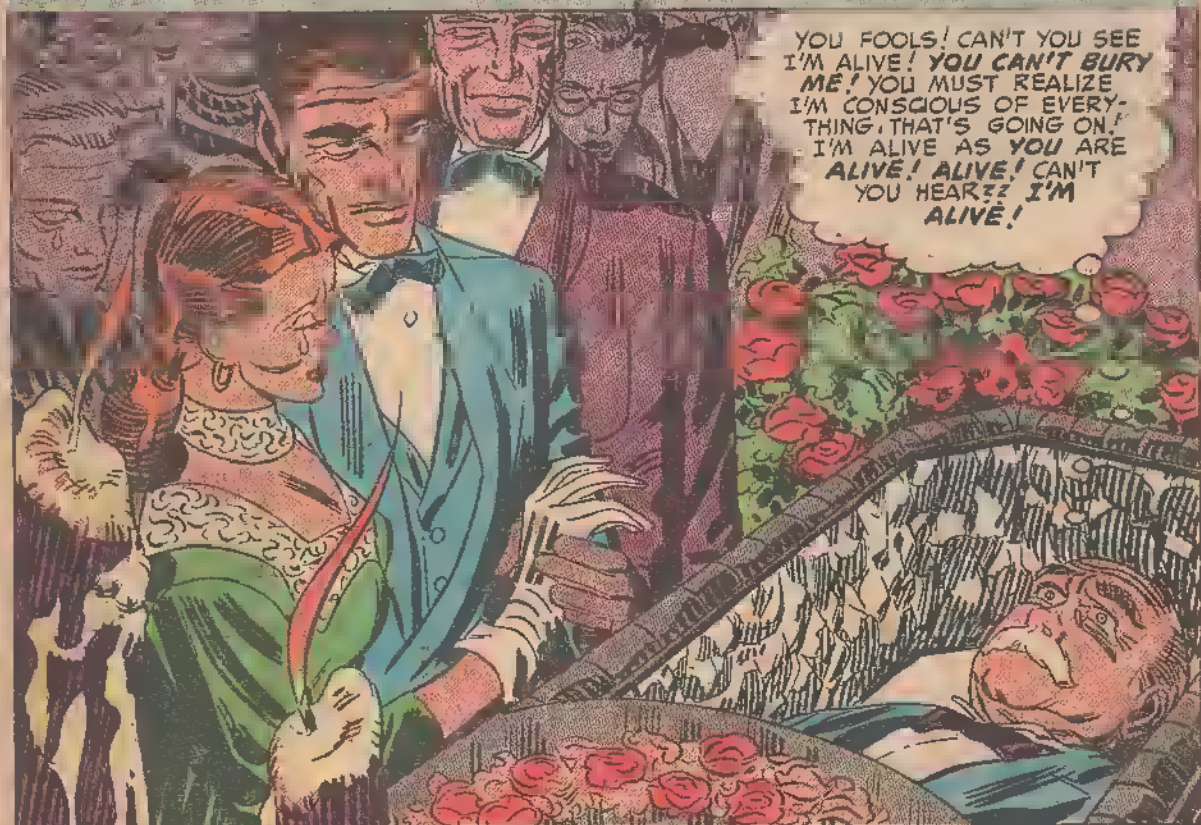
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YOU SEE THEM--THE DEWY EYED WEEPERS--THE SAD FACED MOURNERS--
THOSE YOU LOVE-AND HATE--FILING PAST AND PEERING DOWN AT YOU!
SUDDENLY-HORRIFIED-YOU UNDERSTAND!

IT'S YOUR FUNERAL!



YOU FOOLS! CAN'T YOU SEE
I'M ALIVE! YOU CAN'T BURY
ME! YOU MUST REALIZE
I'M CONSCIOUS OF EVERY-
THING, THAT'S GOING ON!
I'M ALIVE AS YOU ARE
ALIVE! ALIVE! CAN'T
YOU HEAR?? I'M
ALIVE!

CONFINED TO THE
BED, I SMILED TO
MYSELF. WHEN
YOU'VE GRAPPLED
WITH DEATH FOR
SO MANY YEARS,
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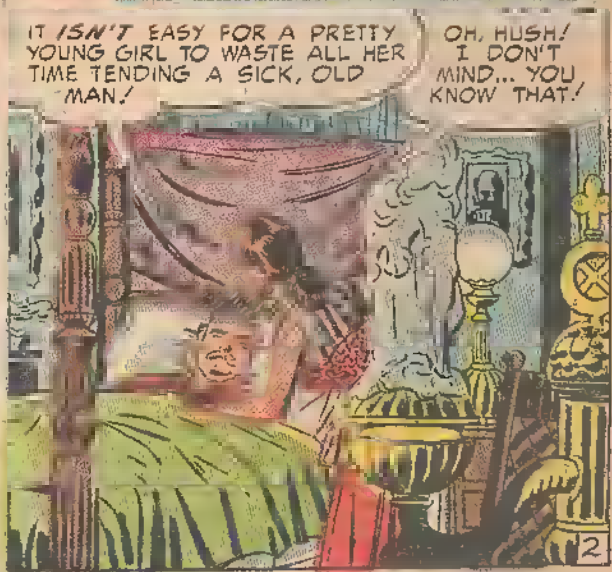
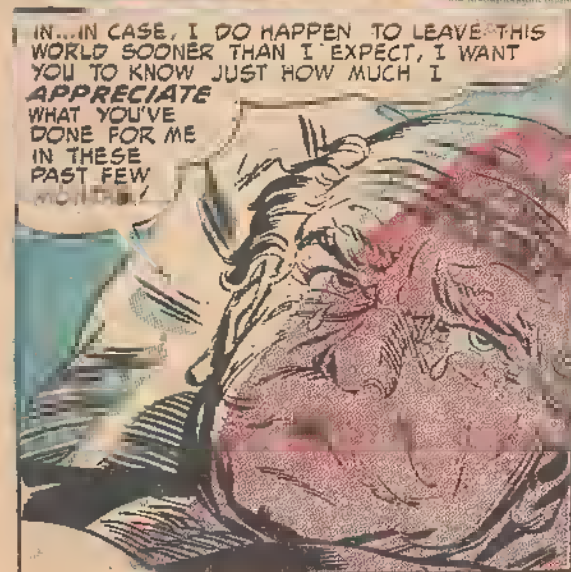
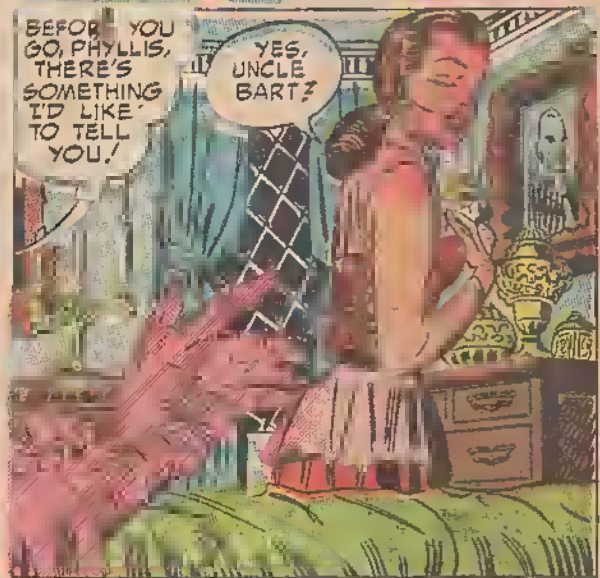
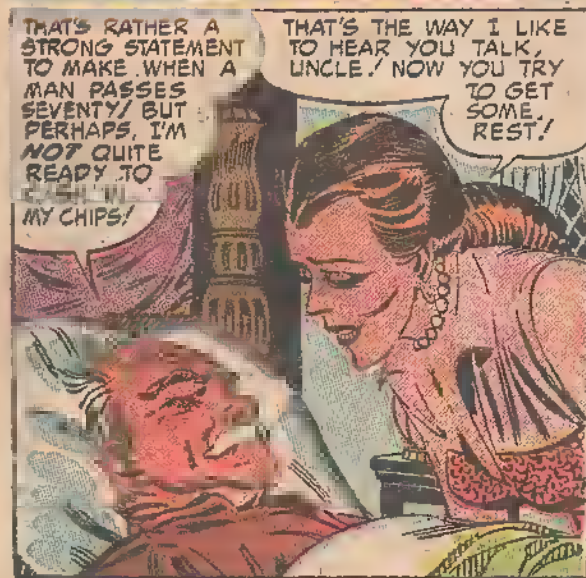
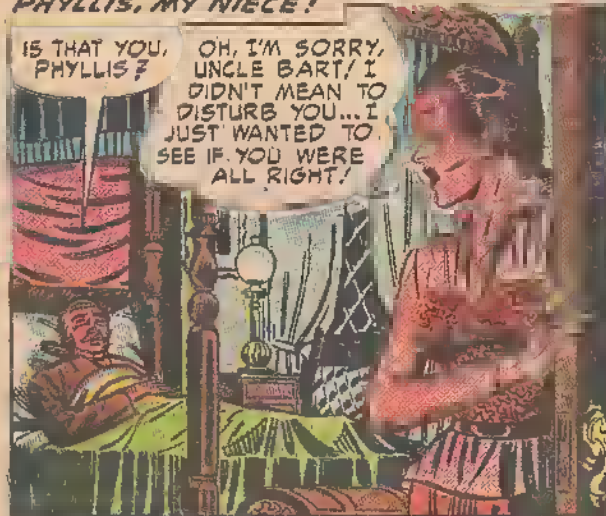
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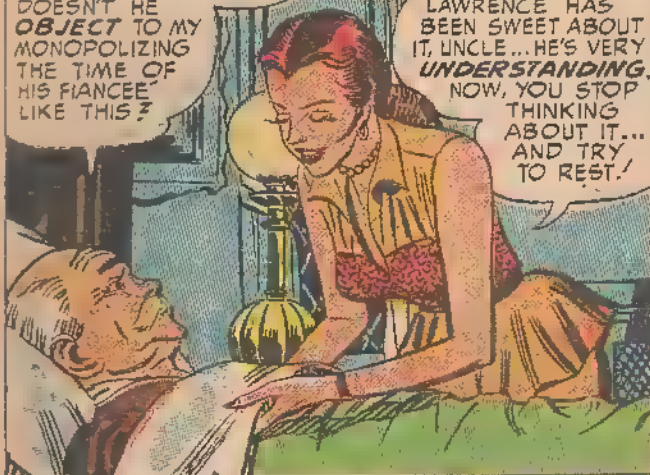
A SLIGHT NOISE IN THE DOORWAY ROUSED ME FROM THIS MORBIDLY PLEASANT REVERIE. IT WAS PHYLLIS, MY NIECE!



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I KNOW YOU DON'T... YOU'RE TOO GOOD AND KIND TO NEGLECT AN AILING, OLD FOSSIL OF AN UNCLE! BUT, LAWRENCE... DOESN'T HE OBJECT TO MY MONOPOLIZING THE TIME OF HIS FIANCEE LIKE THIS?

LAWRENCE HAS BEEN SWEET ABOUT IT, UNCLE... HE'S VERY UNDERSTANDING! NOW, YOU STOP THINKING ABOUT IT... AND TRY TO REST!



I WATCHED PHYLLIS LEAVE... THINKING HOW LUCKY I WAS TO HAVE SOMEONE LIKE HER TO CARE FOR ME! I WAS GLAD I HADN'T LET FORSYTHE, MY LAWYER, TALK ME OUT OF CHANGING MY WILL THAT TIME!



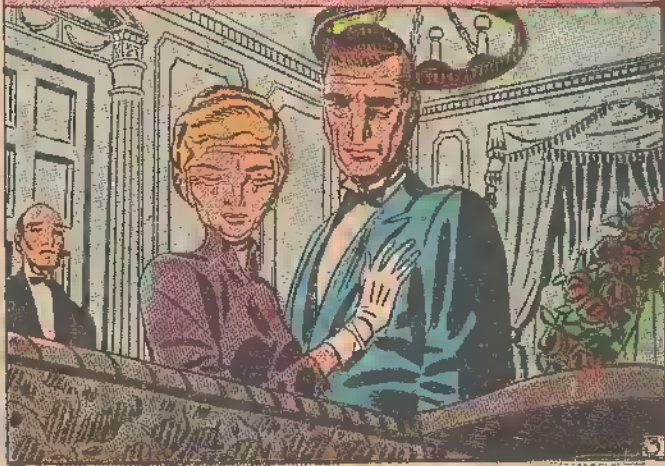
SUDDENLY, I GREW VERY WEARY... ALL MY MUSCLES SEEMED TO TURN TO JELLY! AND MY HEAD FELL BACK ON THE PILLOW! FOR A FLEETING MOMENT, THE WORLD SEEMED TO TAKE ON A SHIMMERING, WEAVING, LOOK OF UNREALITY!

MY SENSES SEEMED TO DRIFT AWAY FROM ALL EARTHLY ANCHORS... AND CARRY ME WITH THEM... LEAVING MY BODY TO LIE, UNMOVING... LIKE SOME INANIMATE SHELL...



FARTHER AND FARTHER, I DRIFTED! INTO TWILIGHT... INTO A DEEPENING DARKNESS... GROWING COMPLETE, UNBROKEN, BY THE FAINTEST OF LIGHTS... THEN, THERE WAS NOTHING... NOTHING... JUST... ME...

ALTHOUGH, YOU COULDN'T EXACTLY CALL IT THAT, I WAS ABLE TO SEE... PERHAPS, 'VIEW' MIGHT BE CLOSER TO WHAT, I MEAN! IT DISTURBED ME! I COULD SEE THE PEOPLE... ONLY BY LOOKING UP AT THEM!

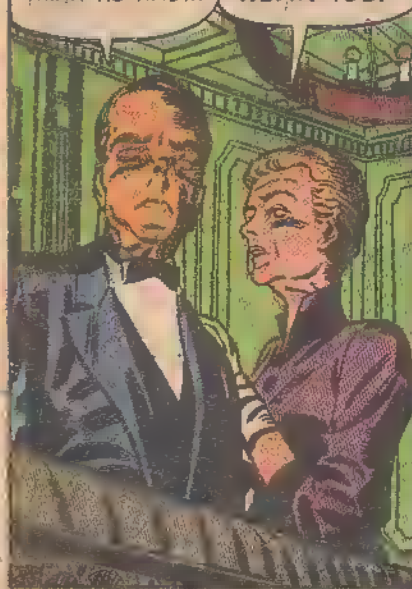


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"I WAS RATHER STARTLED! THERE WERE PEOPLE I HADN'T SEEN IN YEARS! FRIENDS, ENEMIES, MY BUSINESS ASSOCIATES... OLD JOHN FOSTER AND HIS WIFE WERE THERE! HE'D BEEN MY FIRST PARTNER! AND, I HADN'T SEEN HIM IN YEARS!"

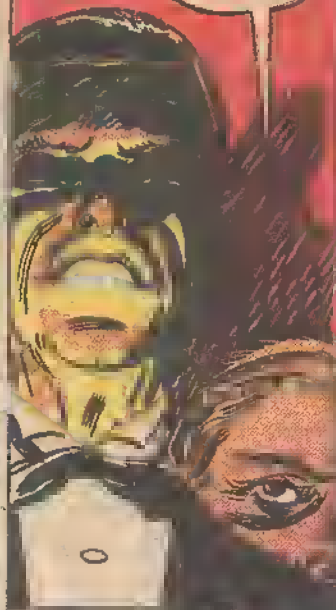
HE LOOKS WELL, DOESN'T HE? YOU'D NEVER THINK HE WAS...

PLEASE, JOHN! EVERYONE CAN HEAR YOU!

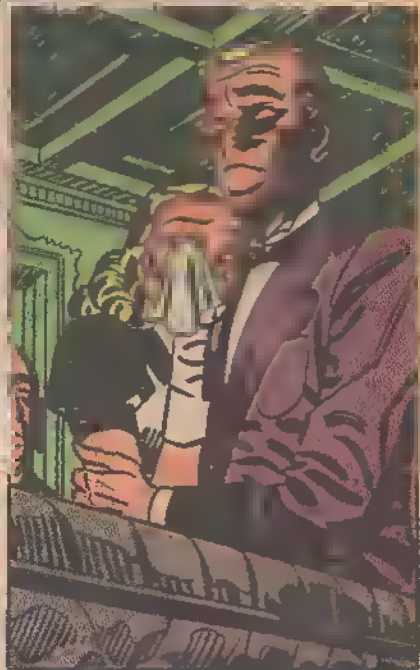


BARTLEY NEVER WAS ONE TO WHISPER WHAT HE HAD TO SAY! SO, WHY SHOULD I? HE WON'T MIND!

JUST THE SAME, IT'S DISRESPECTFUL! COME! LET'S GO OVER AND SIT DOWN! THE ROOM IS BEGINNING TO FILL!



"I WANTED TO TELL THEM TO STAY... I WANTED TO TALK TO THEM! BUT I FOUND I COULDN'T SAY A WORD! IN FACT I COULDN'T MOVE A MUSCLE! I JUST LAY THERE, WATCHING THE PROCESSION PASS BY ME! I SAW JOHNNY WILSON AND HIS WIFE! HE'D STARTED IN MY FIRM AS AN OFFICE BOY!"



MY SON, TOM, WHOM I HAD DISINHERITED IN FAVOR OF PHYLLIS...

WELL, I SUPPOSE HE'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND ME NOW! THERE'S NO WAY OF CALLING HIM BACK... SAYING TO HIM... "I DIDN'T SQUANDER YOUR MONEY!" I DIDN'T...

YOU MUSTN'T TORMENT YOURSELF, TOM...



I... I WANTED TO SEE HIM... TO GO TO HIM... BUT THAT LAST ARGUMENT WE HAD... IT STRUCK AT MY PRIDE! LIKE A FOOL, I WENT AWAY... I SHOULD HAVE STAYED! I... I'M SORRY, DAD...

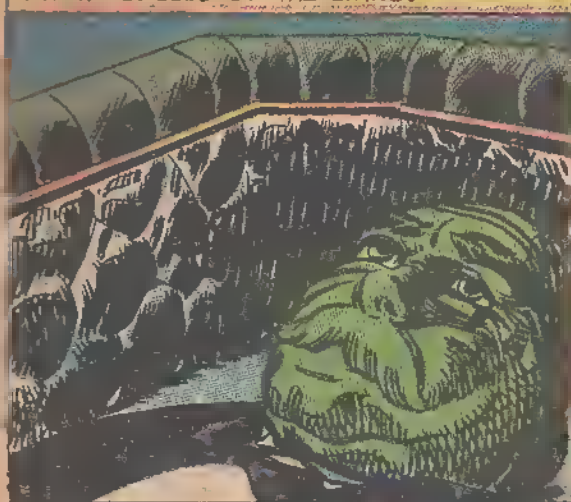


TOM DIDN'T REALIZE HIS WORDS WERE REACHING ME! WHY SHOULD HE? I THOUGHT IN NUMBING TERROR! I'M DEAD! DEAD!

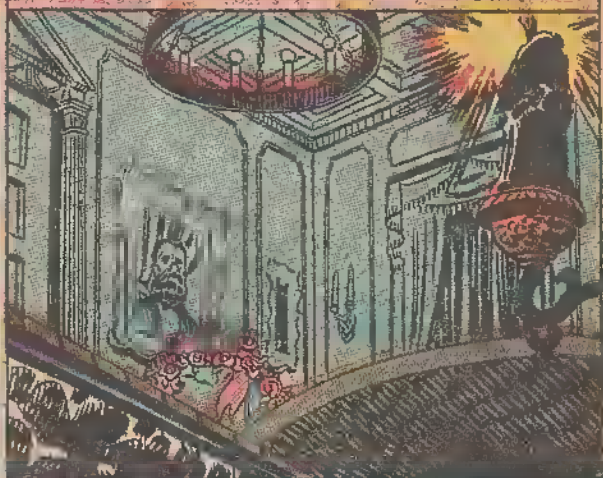


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THERE WAS NO MISTAKING THE CUSHIONY SIDES OF THE COFFIN... THE GLEAM OF CANDLES... THE FAREWELLS OF THE LIVING!



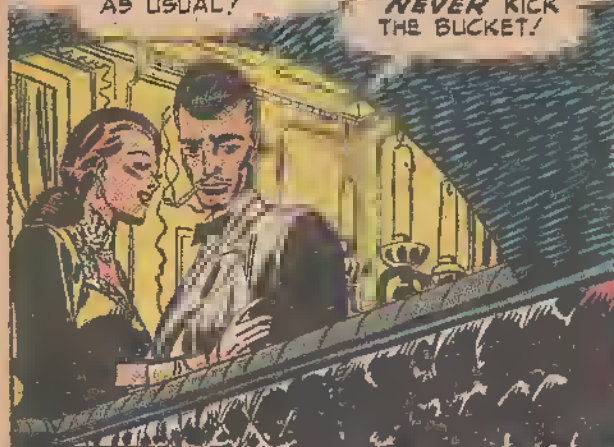
WHY CAN I SEE? WHY CAN I HEAR? TELL ME, I ROARED! TELL ME! BUT THE SOUND WAS IN MY OWN EARS! THEY HAD GONE... AND I STARED UP AT AN EMPTY ROOM!



OR, WAS IT?

WELL, THAT'S **THAT!** THEY'VE SHED A TEAR FOR THE OLD GOAT! AND NOW, THEY'RE GOING HOME TO BUSINESS AS USUAL!

WELL, I CAN'T SAY I'M SAD, PHYLLIS... I THOUGHT THE OLD CRAB WOULD **NEVER** KICK THE BUCKET!



ARE YOU SORRY YOU WAITED, DARLING?

IF THE OLD MAN'S FORTUNE IS WHAT YOU SAY IT IS, **NO!** IT'LL BE WORTH IT!



DO YOU TAKE ME FOR A FOOL? I'VE HAD HIS ENTIRE ESTATE INVESTIGATED CAREFULLY! AND, DARLING, HE'S **WEALTHY!**

HE'D BETTER BE! WE'VE WASTED SIX GOOD MONTHS WITH THIS GOODY GOODY ACT!



THEY COULD HAVE BURIED HIM TONIGHT INSTEAD OF WAITING FOR TOMORROW! HE GIVES ME THE CREEPS LYING THERE! SOMEHOW OR OTHER, I HAVE A FEELING THAT HE ISN'T REALLY DEAD!

IT'S HIS EYES! THEY COULDN'T CLOSE THEM?



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THE DOCTOR SAID THE MUSCLES WERE LOCKED TIGHTLY IN PLACE!

YEAH, AND SOON HIS WHOLE BODY WILL BE LOCKED TIGHTLY IN PLACE! COME ON, LET'S GET OUT OF HERE! I NEVER LIKED HIM WHEN HE WAS ALIVE, AND NOW I HATE HIM!



I COULDN'T BELIEVE THAT WAS MY BELOVED PHYLLIS! SHE HAD ALWAYS SEEMED SO SWEET, SO SINCERE. THIS MUST BE A DREAM! I MUST WAKE UP! I MUST! I MUST!



THE FLICKERING CANDLES LURED ME TOWARD THE COOLNESS OF SLEEP, BUT I AM ASLEEP, I THOUGHT, OR AM I? MY THOUGHTS TUMBLED CONFUSELY AROUND IN MY MIND AS I TRIED TO FIGHT THIS PRESSING SLEEP THAT MIGHT BE MY LAST! AND ALL THE WHILE, THE CANDLES FLICKERED, GROWING DIMMER... DIMMER...



"THE CANDLE HAD GONE OUT WHEN I AWOKE! THE CANDLE! THEN IT WAS REAL! I HADN'T BEEN DREAMING! I TRIED TO SPEAK... TO MOVE... BUT I WAS HELPLESS!"



A SLIGHT HUM IN THE BACKGROUND FORMED A CHORUS FOR A CHANTING VOICE... I RECOGNIZED IT AS THE MINISTER'S! HE WAS BESTOWING THE FINAL BENEDICTION!



"EVENTS AFTER THAT FORMED A STRANGE PANORAMA... FIRST, I SAW THEM CLOSING THE LID OF THE COFFIN..."



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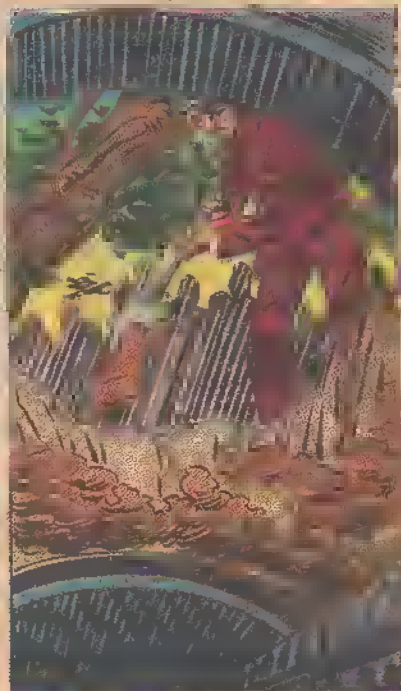
THROUGH THE GLASS PANEL, I COULD SEE MY OLD FRIENDS' APPROACHING. AS I FELT MYSELF BEING RAISED ALOFT, I REALIZED THEY WERE **PALLBEARERS**...



I SAW THE CEILINGS OF THE HALLWAY I WAS CARRIED THROUGH. THE OPEN SKY ABOVE MY HOME, THE CEILING OF THE HEARSE, THE SKY AGAIN, THE PALLBEARERS' FACES, AND THEN AFTER AN INTERMINABLE TIME, I FELT MYSELF BEING LOWERED... **LOWERED INTO THE EARTH!**



A FEELING OF HORROR ENVELOPED ME AS MY BODY CAME TO REST. THEN AS I FELT THE FIRST **SPADE OF DIRT HIT THE COFFIN, I GATHERED ALL MY STRENGTH AND PIERCED THE AIR WITH MY VOICE, AND THEN... BLACKNESS...**



MY NEXT CONSCIOUS THOUGHT WAS THAT I WAS IN MY ROOM, LYING IN MY BED. I SAW THE DOCTOR STANDING OVER ME, AND AS I MOVED MY HEAD, HE SMILED...

I DREAMT I WAS... I KNOW THIS IS GOING TO SOUND FOOLISH, BUT I DREAMT I WAS DEAD!

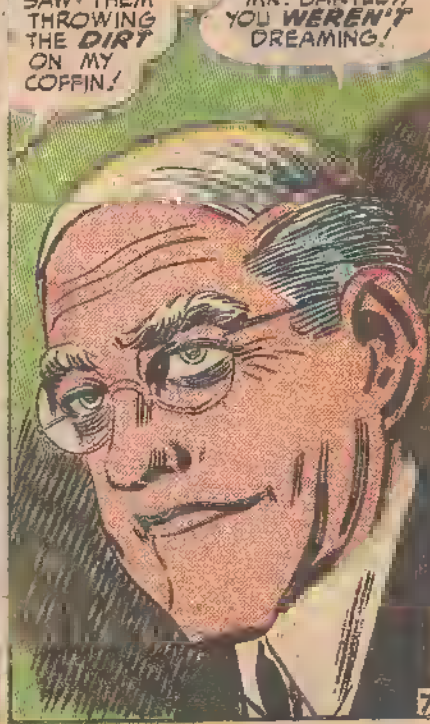
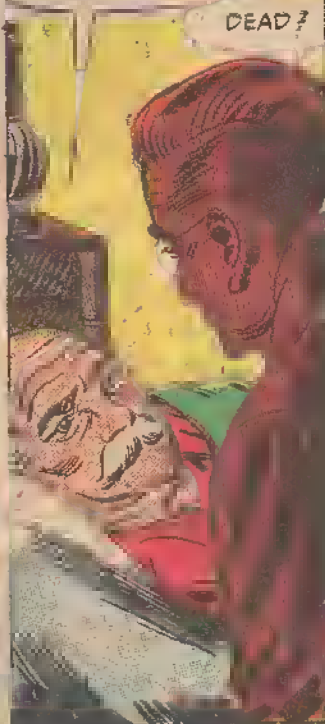
BUT WAIT TILL I TELL YOU THE STRANGEST PART. IN THIS DREAM, I WAS **CONSCIOUS** ALL THE WHILE MY FUNERAL WAS TAKING PLACE. I EVEN SAW THEM THROWING THE **DIRT** ON MY COFFIN!

WELL, BARTLEY, FEELING BETTER NOW?

YES... YES! BUT... BUT I HAD A **TERRIBLE DREAM!**

DEAD?

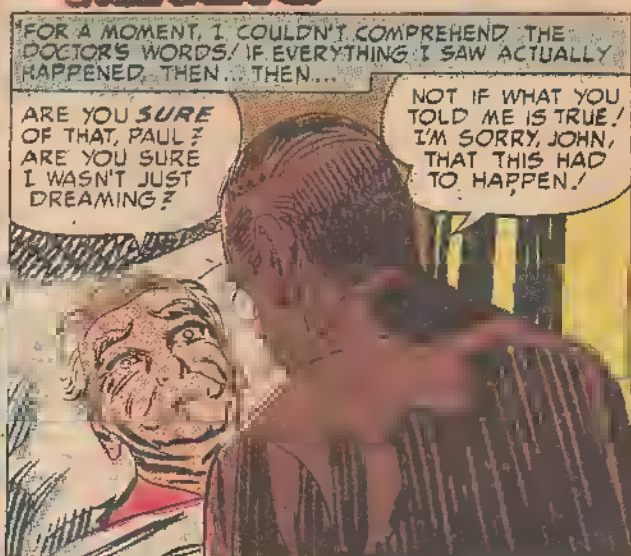
MR. BARTLEY, YOU **WEREN'T** DREAMING!



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YOUR PULSE
WENT DOWN TO
NOTHING AND
WE THOUGHT
YOU WERE
DEAD!
**EVERYTHING
YOU SAW
ACTUALLY
HAPPENED!**



FOR A MOMENT, I COULDN'T COMPREHEND THE
DOCTOR'S WORDS! IF EVERYTHING I SAW ACTUALLY
HAPPENED, THEN... THEN...

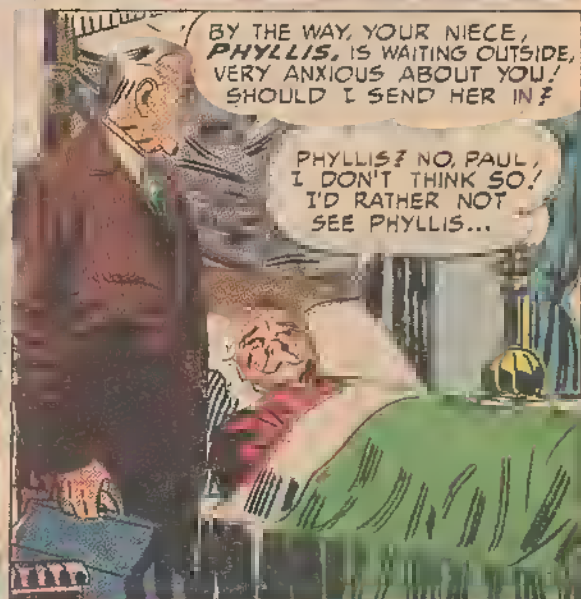
ARE YOU **SURE**
OF THAT, PAUL?
ARE YOU **SURE**
I WASN'T JUST
DREAMING?

NOT IF WHAT YOU
TOLD ME IS TRUE!
I'M SORRY, JOHN,
THAT THIS HAD
TO HAPPEN!



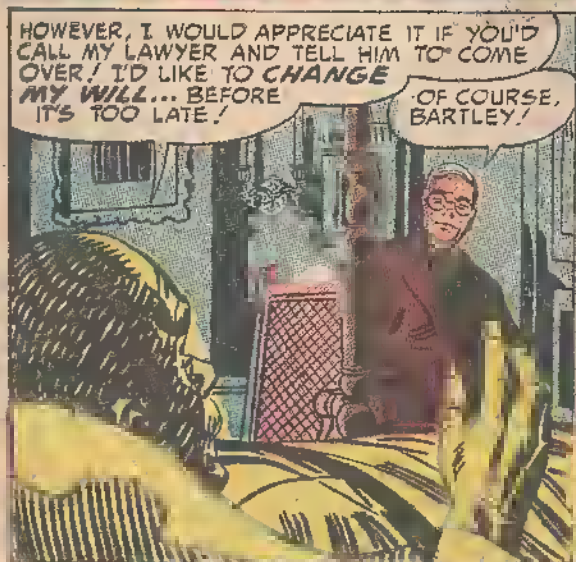
DON'T BE SORRY, PAUL! IT
WAS THE BEST THING THAT
EVER HAPPENED TO ME!
I HAD MY EYES OPENED
TO QUITE A FEW
THINGS...

I'M GLAD YOU'RE
NONE THE WORSE
FOR IT, BARTLEY!
IT MUST HAVE
BEEN A HORRIBLE
EXPERIENCE!



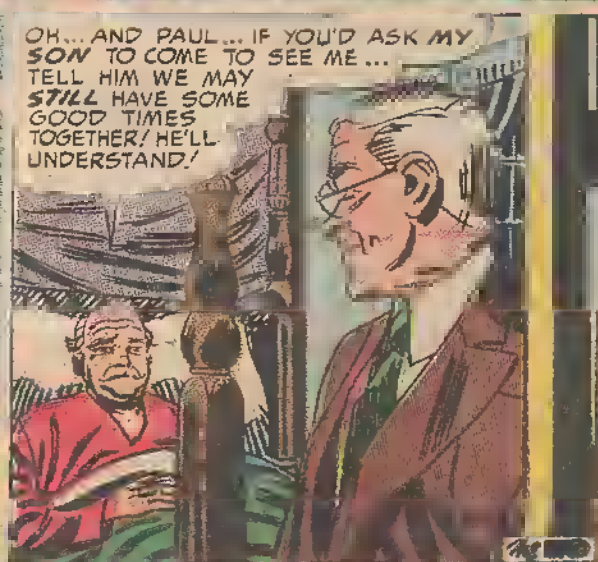
BY THE WAY, YOUR NIECE,
PHYLLIS, IS WAITING OUTSIDE,
VERY ANXIOUS ABOUT YOU!
SHOULD I SEND HER IN?

PHYLLIS? NO, PAUL,
I DON'T THINK SO!
I'D RATHER NOT
SEE PHYLLIS...



HOWEVER, I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU'D
CALL MY LAWYER AND TELL HIM TO COME
OVER! I'D LIKE TO **CHANGE**
MY WILL... BEFORE
IT'S TOO LATE!

OF COURSE,
BARTLEY!



OH... AND PAUL... IF YOU'D ASK MY
SON TO COME TO SEE ME...
TELL HIM WE MAY
STILL HAVE SOME
GOOD TIMES
TOGETHER! HE'LL
UNDERSTAND!

MEDICAL RESEARCH DISCOVERS TREATMENT FOR PIMPLES

Acne, Blackheads, and
other externally caused Skin Blemishes

**DON'T LET UGLY PIMPLES
BLEMISH YOUR PERSONALITY
RUIN YOUR CONFIDENCE
OR SPOIL YOUR TALENTS!**

**CAUSES OF PIMPLES AND
BLACKHEADS SEEN THROUGH
POWERFUL MICROSCOPE**



DO YOU feel your skin is holding back your chances for popularity... for success? Are you afraid people whom you'd like to know will reject you? Thousands of people who felt the same as you—now have clear attractive complexions. They've regained their poise and confidence. You can benefit from their experience!

**SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH REVEALS NEGLECT
CAUSE OF MANY SKIN TROUBLES**

Skin Specialists and Medical statistics tell us that broken out skin usually occurs from adolescence and can continue on through adulthood. Adolescents often carry these scars throughout their life. Many never get over the "feeling of embarrassment" and are always conscious of their appearance and complexion. Persistent cases of "bad skin" sometimes continue on through adulthood. In this stage of life, the responsibilities of earning a living and meeting people are essential if you are to climb the ladder of success in your job. It is doubly important to give your skin problems immediate care. Physicians state that to neglect your skin may prolong your skin troubles and make it more difficult to clear up. And, there is no better time to get pimples under control than NOW!

Laboratory analysis using special microscopes gives us the scientific facts regarding those unsightly pimples. High-powered lenses show your skin consists of several outer layers. Projecting through this epidermis are hairs, the ducts of the sweat glands and the tiny tubes of the sebaceous glands which supply the skin with oil to keep it soft and pliable. Skin specialists will tell you that many skin eruptions can often be traced to an over-secretion of oil from the sebaceous glands. As a result of

this over-secretion, more oil than is normally required by the skin is deposited on the outside of the skin. Unless special care is taken, this excessive oil forms an oily coating which is a catch-all for all foreign matter in the air. When dust, dirt, lint, etc. become embedded into the tiny skin openings and block them up, they can cause the pores to become enlarged and therefore even more susceptible to additional dirt and dust. These enlarged, blocked up pores may form blackheads as soon as they become infected and bring you the worry, despair, embarrassment and humiliation of pimples, blackheads and other externally caused blemishes.



*Illustrated is a
microscopic reproduction
of a healthy
skin:*

The sebaceous glands are shown as they project through the many layers of skin. In a normal skin, the openings of the gland tubes are not blocked and permit the oil to flow freely to the outside of the skin.

DOCTORS RECOMMEND THIS TREATMENT

Physicians report two important ways to control this condition: First, they prescribe clearing the pores of clogging matter; and second, inhibit the excessive oiliness of the skin.

To help overcome these two conditions, Scope Products' research make available two scientifically-tested formulas that contain clinically proven ingredients. The first formula contains special cleansing properties not found in ordinary cold creams or skin cleansers. Thoroughly, but gently, it removed all surface scales, dried sebaceous matter, dust, dirt and debris—leaving your skin wonderfully soft, smooth and receptive to proper treatment. The second formula acts to reduce the excessive oiliness produced by the overactive sebaceous glands. Its active ingredients also help prevent the spread of infection by killing bacteria often associated with externally caused pimples, blackheads and blemishes.

**COVERS UP UNSIGHTLY BLEMISHES
WHILE MEDICATION DOES ITS WORK**

To remove the immediate embarrassment of skin blemishes, Scope Medicated Skin Formula helps conceal while it medicates! Unlike many other skin preparations, Scope Formula has a pleasant fragrance! Imagine! The moment you apply the Scope Treatment to your skin you can instantly face the immediate present with greater confidence in your appearance. At the same time, you are sure that the medication is acting to remove externally caused blemishes and helping to prevent new ones. This "cover-up" action gives you peace of mind. No longer need you suffer from the feeling of self-consciousness or inferiority. Make this your first step in the direction of a clear complexion and skin that's lovable to kiss and tough!

**SATISFACTION GUARANTEED OR
DOUBLE YOUR MONEY BACK**

We make this guaranteed offer because so many users of Scope Medicated Skin Formula have written us telling how it helped to clear up their complexion. We want you to try the Scope Double Treatment at our risk. Just a few minutes of your time each day can yield more gratifying results than you ever dreamed possible! If you are not delighted in every way by the improved condition and general appearance of your skin IN JUST 10 DAYS, simply return the unused portion and we will refund not just the price you paid—but **DOUBLE YOUR MONEY BACK!** You have everything to gain... and we take all the risk! We want all teenagers, men and women of all ages to get a fresh, new glowing outlook on life. We want you to be the inviting social personality you might be and to help you reach highest success possible in business. Now you can give yourself new hope and bring back that happy joyous feeling of confidence, poise and popularity!

**NOW YOU CAN GET THE SCOPE
2-WAY "COVER-UP" ACTION AND
MEDICATED SKIN TREATMENT
IMMEDIATELY WITHOUT DELAY!**

Just send your name and address to SCOPE PRODUCTS CO., Dept. YR-1 1 Orchard Street, New York, N. Y. Be sure to print clearly. By return mail we will ship the Scope treatment to you in a plain package. When postman delivers the package, pay only \$1.98 plus postage. Or send \$2.00 now and we pay postage. No matter which way you order, you have a **DOUBLE REFUND GUARANTEE.** Don't delay, send for the Scope Medicated Skin treatment with its special "cover-up" action... today! Sorry no Canadian or foreign C.O.D.'s.

**DON'T SPREAD INFECTION
BY SQUEEZING
PIMPLES AND BLACKHEADS**

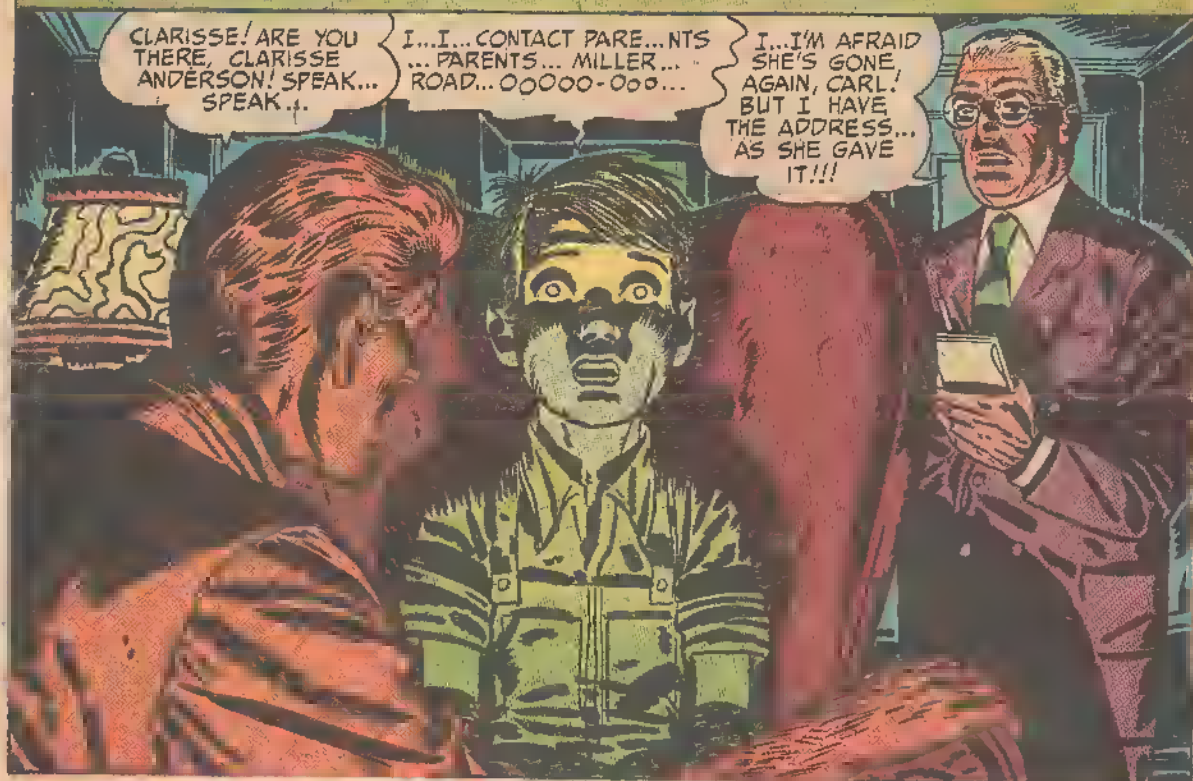


Clinical reports state that many people squeeze out pimples and blackheads with their fingers. This is unsanitary and may lead to the spread of the infection. This abuse may also inflame your skin and leave red welts and ugly looking blotches and bumps. As a result your face may be covered with pimples and blemishes. Soon you'll be sorry you ever squeezed or picked at your skin by using this unsanitary method to get rid of skin eruptions.

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IT WAS JUST HOMEWORK, AT FIRST, BUT, IT LED HIM ACROSS LIMITLESS GULFS... TO A VOICE!!... WITH WHOM.. OR WITH WHAT HAD HE MADE..

CONTACT!



CLARISSE! ARE YOU THERE, CLARISSE ANDERSON! SPEAK... SPEAK..

I...I... CONTACT PARE...NTS ... PARENTS... MILLER... ROAD... 00000-000...

I...I'M AFRAID SHE'S GONE AGAIN, CARL! BUT I HAVE THE ADDRESS... AS SHE GAVE IT!!!

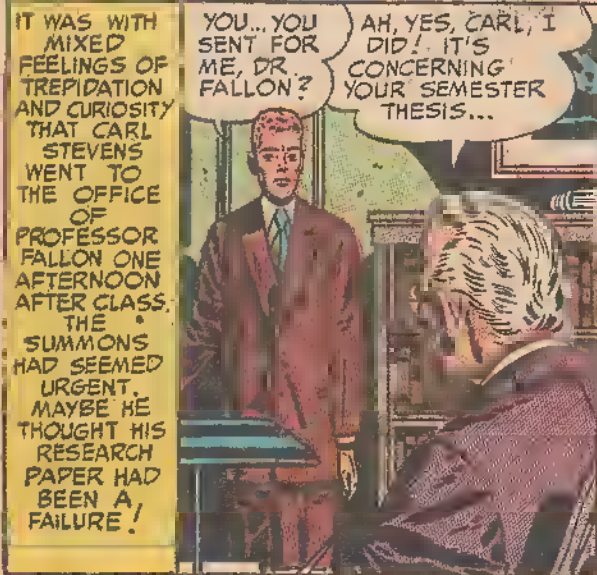
IT WAS WITH MIXED FEELINGS OF TREPIDATION AND CURIOSITY THAT CARL STEVENS WENT TO THE OFFICE OF PROFESSOR FALLON ONE AFTERNOON AFTER CLASS. THE SUMMONS HAD SEEMED URGENT. MAYBE HE THOUGHT HIS RESEARCH PAPER HAD BEEN A FAILURE!

YOU...YOU SENT FOR ME, DR. FALLON?

AH, YES, CARL, I DID! IT'S CONCERNING YOUR SEMESTER THESIS...

I KNEW IT! I SHOULD HAVE **NEVER** DEALT WITH SUCH DELICATE SUBJECT MATTER! PSYCHICAL PHENOMENA! **WHY** DIDN'T I SELECT SOMETHING ELSE!

SIT DOWN, CARL. MIGHT AS WELL, AH, MAKE YOURSELF COMFORTABLE! I...I'D LIKE TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH YOU AT SOME LENGTH!



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CARL'S HEART SANK AS HE READ THE WARNING IN DR. FALLON'S BRUSQUE INVITATION. THEN, STRANGELY ENOUGH, THE PROFESSOR'S MANNER CHANGED. HIS EYES GLINTED WITH ENTHUSIASM AS HE WARMLY COMMENDED THE STUDENT ON HIS WORK!

THEN YOU LIKED IT, DOCTOR? MY PAPER IS... IS SATISFACTORY?

SATISFACTORY? IT... IT'S INCREDIBLE! HANDS AND SHOULDERS ABOVE THE ORDINARY ASSIGNMENTS, CARL!



THAT'S WHY I CALLED YOU IN! YOU'VE MADE AN ASTOUNDING DOCUMENTATION OF SUPERNATURAL FACT! EVERY DETAIL IS ELABORATELY EXPOUNDED IN SCIENTIFIC FASHION! AS IF... IT WERE TRUE! AND NOT A HOAX!

BUT... IT IS TRUE, DOCTOR! EVERY BIT OF IT!



COME, COME! AM I TO BELIEVE, FOR EXAMPLE, IN SUCH MYSTICAL HOG-WASH AS COMMUNICATION WITH THE SPIRIT WORLD? REALLY, CARL!



MY COMMENDATION IS STRICTLY FOR YOUR ABILITY AS A FICTION WRITER! SURELY YOUR INFORMATION IS IMAGINARY!

NO! NO! IT... IT'S EXPERIENCED! I'VE MADE ACTUAL CONTACT! LET... LET ME EXPLAIN...



"I WAS FULLY AS SCEPTICAL AS YOU, DOCTOR... BEGAN CARL! ... AND THE MORE RESEARCH AND HOMEWORK I DID FOR THIS PAPER, THE MORE MY DISBELIEF GREW... AS DID MY FASCINATION!

THIS SPIRITUALISM IS REALLY HOKUM! BUT MY EXPOSE OF IT AS FRAUDULENT BALDER-DASH WILL MAKE AN INTERESTING THESIS!



"THEN, ON THE NIGHT OF APRIL 7TH... LESS THAN A WEEK AGO, AS I PORED OVER SOME REFERENCES, I RAN ACROSS AN ITEM ON MEDIUMS...

HMMM... CERTAIN KINDS OF PEOPLE, ALTHOUGH LACKING ORDINARY MENTAL FACULTIES, HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO HAVE EXCEPTIONAL SENSITIVITY, AND CLAIRVOYANT POWERS...



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"... SOMEHOW, THEIR BODIES ARE ATTUNED TO THE VIBRATION OF A WORLD UNKNOWN TO THE ORDINARY MORTAL, AND ARE EXTREMELY SUITABLE TO ACT AS MEDIUMS AND SOURCES OF CONTACT..."

HEY! WHO'S THAT OUTSIDE... SCRATCHING AT THE DOOR?

"AS IF ON CUE, DENNY... THE JANITOR'S YOUNG SON... ENTERED THE STUDY. DENNY KNOWS ME AS A FRIEND AND I HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF AFFECTION AND PITY FOR HIM. YOU SEE... DENNY HAS THE MIND OF AN IMBECILE!"

HI THERE, DENNY/ GOSH, YOU SCARE ME THE WAY YOU COME SNEAKING IN SOMETIME!

"SOMEHOW, ALTHOUGH HE'S NEVER SPOKEN A WORD OF HIS OWN IN HIS LIFE, DENNY SEEMS TO UNDERSTAND ME... TRUST ME!"

SORRY, DENNY, BUT NO STORY TONIGHT/ I'M MUCH TOO BUSY TO PLAY GAMES/ MUCH... SAY... WAIT A MINUTE! I... I WONDER...

"SUDDENLY I WAS POSSESSED WITH THE IDEA OF EXPERIMENTING/ AFTER ALL, I THOUGHT, SPIRITUALISM... HYPNOTISM... IS A KIND OF GAME/ WHY NOT KILL TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE?"

THIS IS A GAME, DENNY/ A SLEEPING GAME/ LOOK AT ME/ YOUR EYELIDS ARE HEAVY AS STONES... STONES... YOU CAN'T SEE ME... SLEEP.. SLEEP...

I... I'VE DONE IT! HE'S COMPLETELY MESMERIZED! GOSH/ MAYBE HE'S DEAD/ NO... I FEEL HIS PULSE... IT'S WEAK, BUT REGULAR, AND HIS BREATHING'S SHALLOW, BUT STEADY...

"SUDDENLY I WAS SCARED! WHAT IF I COULDN'T SNAP HIM OUT OF IT? I LEANED FORWARD, STARING INTO HIS BLANK, VACUOUS EYES, WHEN SUDDENLY..."

O-O-O-O-O... CON... TACT... CON... TACT... MY... FOLKS...

W-WHAT'S THAT? DENNY! YOU... YOU'RE SPEAKING/ NO... NO! HIS LIPS AREN'T MOVING! BUT... BUT...

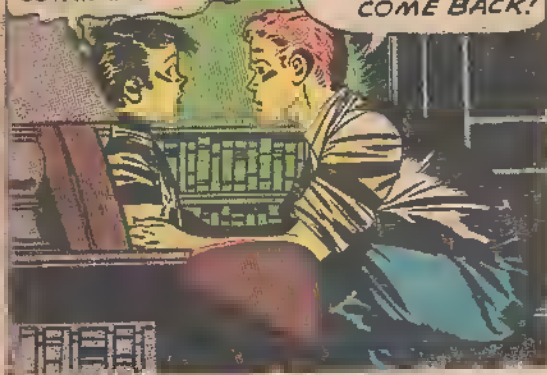
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"THE VOICE ISSUING FROM HIS LIPS WAS EERIE...FAINT...A KIND OF A SINGSONG CHANT. I WAS ALMOST OUT OF MY MIND WITH FRIGHT. SOME-ONE... SOME YOUNG GIRL HAD TAKEN POSSESSION OF DENNY'S BODY!"

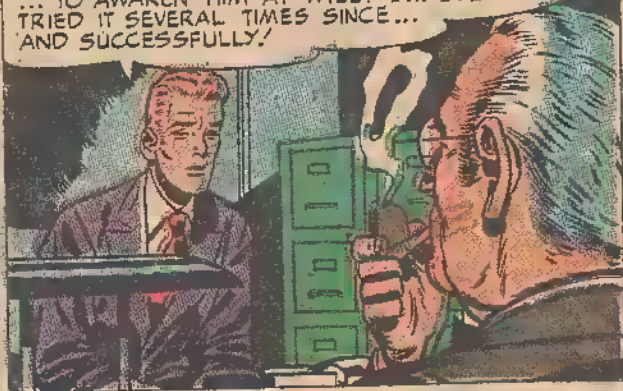
HIS VOICE TREMBLING, BUT EXCITED, CARL FINISHED HIS STORY...HIS FACE STILL BORE THE TRACES OF THAT FIRST EMOTIONAL EXPERIENCE! HE LOOKED AT THE INCREDULOUS DR. FALLON...

...MY... MY PARENTS...
CONTACT MY PARENTS...
CON... TACT...

STOP IT! I... I
WON'T LISTEN!
STOP IT, DENNY!
COME BACK!

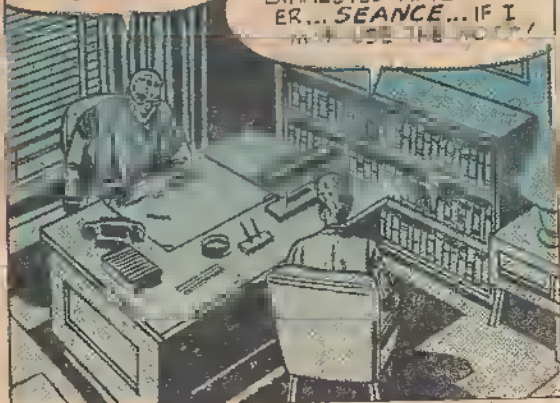


IT'S TRUE,
DOCTOR! I SWEAR IT! MUCH TO MY RELIEF
I WAS ABLE TO CONTROL DENNY COMPLETELY
... TO AWAKEN HIM AT WILL / I... I'VE
TRIED IT SEVERAL TIMES SINCE...
AND SUCCESSFULLY!



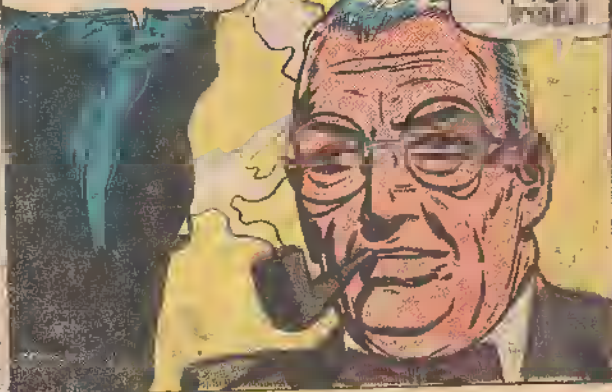
UTTERLY FANTASTIC,
CARL! BUT **THIS**
VOICE... THIS YOUNG
GIRL, IS... IS THERE
ANY FURTHER
IDENTIFICATION?

NOT, MUCH, DOCTOR! IT
SEEMS HARD FOR HER
TO COME THROUGH TO
ME. I DON'T DARE
WORK TOO LONG, AS
DENNY SEEMS TERRIBLY
EXHAUSTED AFTER EACH
ER... SEANCE... IF I
MAY I USE THE WORD?



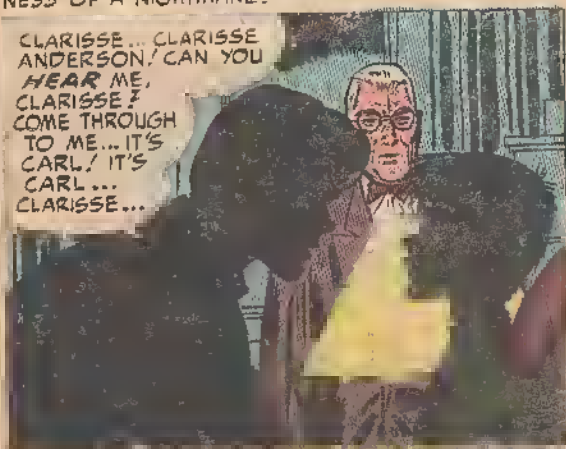
HER NAME...AS FAR AS I
CAN TELL IS CLARISSE
ANDERSON. AT LEAST IT
SOUNDS LIKE ANDERSON/
PERHAPS... DOCTOR, YOU'D
LIKE TO WITNESS THIS
FOR YOURSELF?

I WOULD INDEED / I... I
WANT TO BELIEVE
YOU, CARL / YET I FIND
IT MUCH TOO RICH
FOR MY MIND TO
ASSIMILATE / PERHAPS
IF I SEE
IT FOR
MYSELF



THAT EVENING, A STRANGE TRIO GATHERED IN CARL'S
ROOM, THE DOCTOR, HIS HEART RACING MADLY,
WATCHED INTENTLY AS CARL PUT DENNY INTO A DEEP,
HYPNOTIC SLEEP. IN THE SMALL LIGHT OF THE
SINGLE LAMP, THE SCENE HAD THE GROTESQUE-
NESS OF A NIGHTMARE!

CLARISSE... CLARISSE
ANDERSON! CAN YOU
HEAR ME,
CLARISSE?
COME THROUGH
TO ME... IT'S
CARL! IT'S
CARL...
CLARISSE...



SUDDENLY, A SMALL VOICE... PURE AND FRAGILE AS
DRAWN SILVER... SOUNDED FROM THE STILL LIPS OF
DENNY, A VOICE AT ONCE MUSICAL, YET FAINT... AS IF
DISTILLED FROM THE BOWELS OF ANOTHER WORLD!

I... I... HEAR... YOU...
CARL! HEAR... YOU...

GOOD GRIEF!



BLACK MAGIC

SHE... SHE'S COMING IN STRONGER... MORE EASILY TONIGHT! CLARISSE! LISTEN! WHAT... WHAT DO YOU WANT TO TELL ME, CLARISSE?

WANT... TELL... CLARISSE ANDERSON... PARENTS... PLEASE CONTACT PARENTS... JOHN... JOHN ANDERSON...



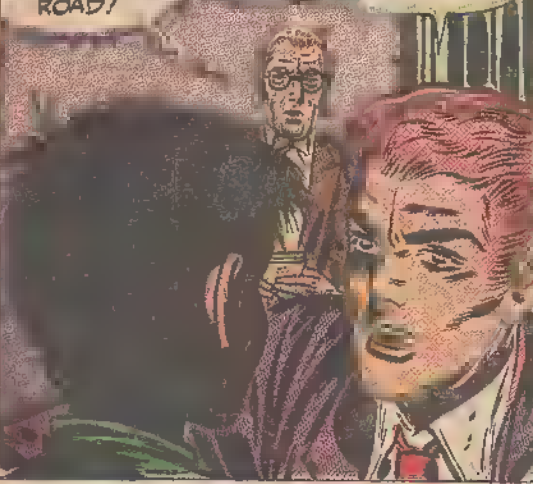
SHE'S COMING THROUGH WITH MORE INFORMATION, DOCTOR! YES, CLARISSE! YES! CONTACT JOHN ANDERSON... BUT WHERE? WHERE?

... MILLER ROAD... MILLER... FOR... TY... FOR... TY-NINE... FORTY-NINE MILLER...



KEEP TRYING, CARL! I GOT IT... 49 MILLER ROAD!

WHERE, CLARISSE? WHERE... IS 49 MILLER ROAD...



... SUNDOWN... SUNDOWN PRESS... CONTACT: PAR... ENTS... PRESS... PRESS... 0000-00-0000.

SUNDOWN PRESS! I GOT IT, CARL! BUT WHAT DOES IT MEAN? ASK HER!



I... I CAN'T! IT'S NO USE ANY LONGER... NOT TONIGHT! SHE'S GONE! WE'LL HAVE TO TRY AGAIN TOMORROW!



THE PROFESSOR AND CARL WORKED FEVERISHLY, AS IF OBSESSED... FOR THREE NIGHTS AND ON THE THIRD...

BUT WHERE, CLARISSE? WHERE IS 49 MILLER ROAD? WHERE?

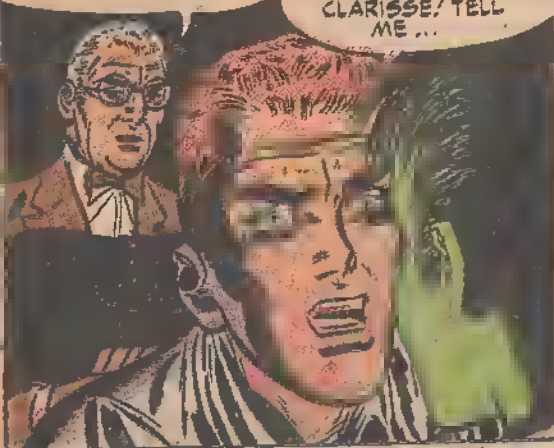
... JOHN AND MARY... ANDERSON... CONTACT PARENTS... CONTACT... MORRIS... MORRISTOWN... SUNDOWN... SUNDOWN PRESS...



BLACK MAGIC

MORRISTOWN! I KNOW A TOWN LIKE THAT IN OHIO! ASK HER, CARL! ASK HER ABOUT OHIO!

49 MILLER ROAD, MORRISTOWN, OHIO! IS... IS THAT CORRECT, CLARISSE! DON'T GO AWAY! TELL ME, CLARISSE! TELL ME...



CONTACT JOHN... MARY... TELL THEM... SUNDOWN PRESS... 00000-000...

WE'LL HAVE TO WORK WITH WHAT WE'VE GOT, CARL! SHE... SHE'S GONE... AGAIN! I CAN'T UNDERSTAND THIS SUNDOWN PRESS! WHAT DOES SHE MEAN?



SOMEHOW, NO FURTHER CONTACT WAS MADE WITH CLARISSE ANDERSON! TRY AS THEY DID... SHE HAD VANISHED, SEEMINGLY FOR GOOD! GAMBLING ON A HUNCH, CARL AND DR. FALLON DID THE NEXT BEST THING... JOURNEYED TO THE SMALL CITY IN OHIO!

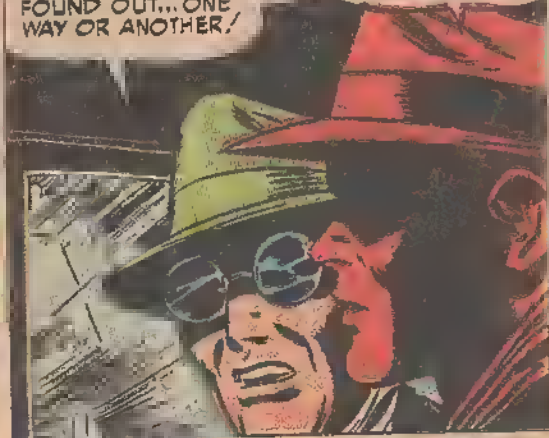
DO YOU KNOW A STREET CALLED MILLER ROAD, DRIVER?

MILLER ROAD? SURE THING, HOP IN, GENTS!



IT SEEMS FOOLISH TO HOPE THAT THIS ISN'T JUST A COINCIDENCE, CARL! BUT I WOULDN'T HAVE PEACE OF MIND UNTIL WE FOUND OUT... ONE WAY OR ANOTHER!

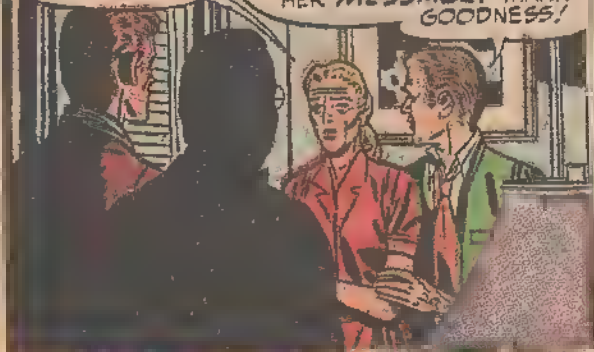
I... I KNOW, DOCTOR! AND I... I'VE GOT A FUNNY FEELING WE'RE RIGHT!



THERE WAS A 49 MILLER ROAD! AND, STRANGER STILL! A JOHN AND MARY ANDERSON LIVED THERE! AND ALTHOUGH THE COUPLE HAD SHOWN UNMISTAKABLE SIGNS OF BEREAVEMENT, THEIR FACES LIGHTED WITH JOY AT THE PROFESSOR'S INQUIRY!

CLARISSE? YOU KNOW CLARISSE? SHE... SHE'S OUR DAUGHTER!

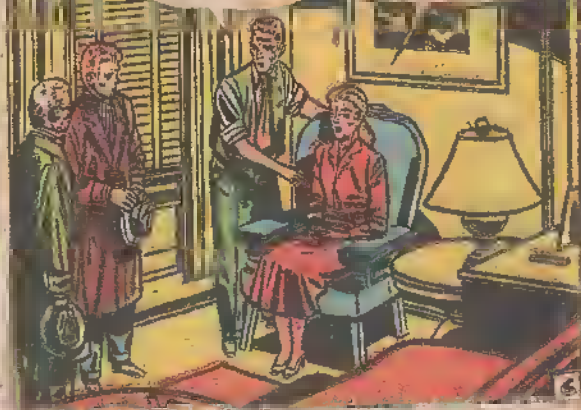
THERE, THERE, MARY! DON'T EXCITE YOURSELF TOO MUCH! I'M SURE THESE GENTLEMEN WILL GIVE US HER MESSAGE! THANK GOODNESS!



SHE... SHE ISN'T HERE? BUT... BUT...

WHY NO! WE HAVEN'T HEARD FROM HER SINCE SHE LEFT FOR THE CITY SOME TIME AGO!

SHE WASN'T WILD... OUR CLARISSE! JUST HAD A MIND OF HER OWN, EVEN IF SHE'S ONLY SEVENTEEN!



BLACK MAGIC

STUBBORN TOO... INSISTED ON MAKING HER OWN WAY! WE FELT TERRIBLE NOT HEARING FROM HER SINCE SHE TOOK THE EXPRESS OUT THAT EVENING...

EXPRESS! THAT'S IT! EXPRESS... NOT PRESS! SUNDOWN EXPRESS!

THAT'S RIGHT, SON! DAUGHTER CLARISSE TOOK THE SUNDOWN EXPRESS... WHY... WHY ARE YOU LOOKING LIKE THAT?

YOU... YOU MEAN YOU **DON'T KNOW?** THE SUNDOWN EXPRESS WAS INVOLVED IN A DISASTEROUS TRAIN WRECK EARLIER THIS MONTH! I... I'M AFRAID...

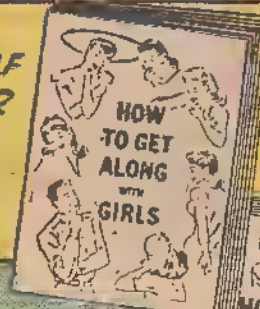
NOO! IT... IT ISN'T TRUE! IT COULDN'T HAPPEN TO CLARISSE!



THE TRUTH AS IT TURNED OUT, WAS THE BITTER TRUTH. AN UNIDENTIFIED BODY OF A YOUNG GIRL WHO LATER TURNED OUT TO BE THAT OF CLARISSE ANDERSON! SHE HAD BEEN INSTANTLY KILLED ON APRIL 7TH... THE DAY OF CARL'S FIRST CONTACT WITH HER!!!

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Allesto Fineminog Vyxikorion! It can bring you vast riches..or violent death! Would you take the gamble and..

SAY THE MAGIC WORDS

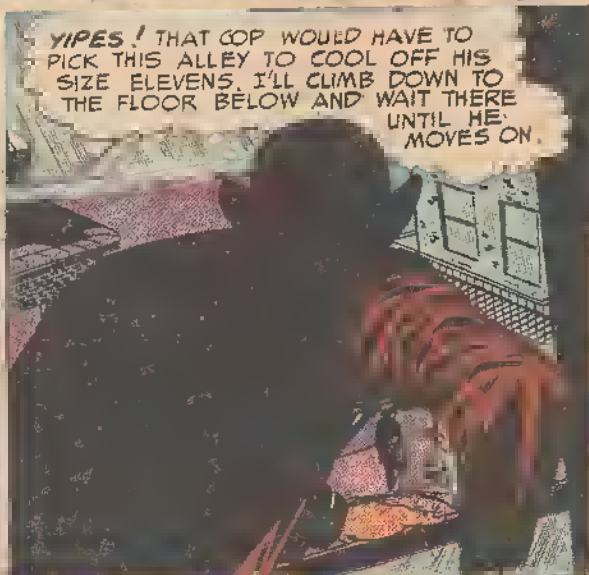
NUTS! THE WAY THEY MAKE THESE LOCKS NOWADAYS A RESPECTABLE BURGLAR HAS TO STUDY *MAGIC* TO BREAK INTO A CASH BOX!



WELL, THAT LOCK WASN'T SO TOUGH. A **HUNDRED BUCKS!** PRETTY GOOD HAUL FOR A FEW MINUTES WORK. GUESS I'D BETTER TAKE OFF.

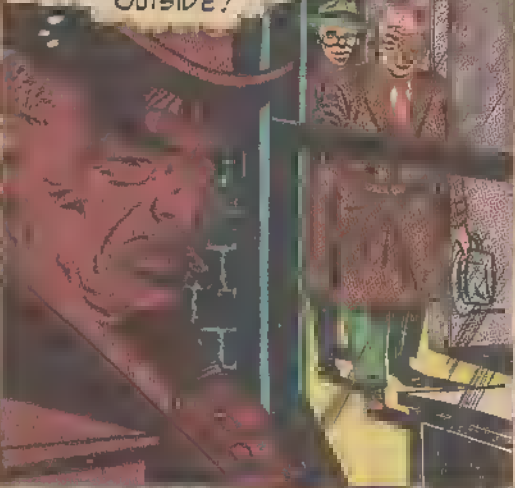


YIPES! THAT COP WOULD HAVE TO PICK THIS ALLEY TO COOL OFF HIS SIZE ELEVEN. I'LL CLIMB DOWN TO THE FLOOR BELOW AND WAIT THERE UNTIL HE MOVES ON.



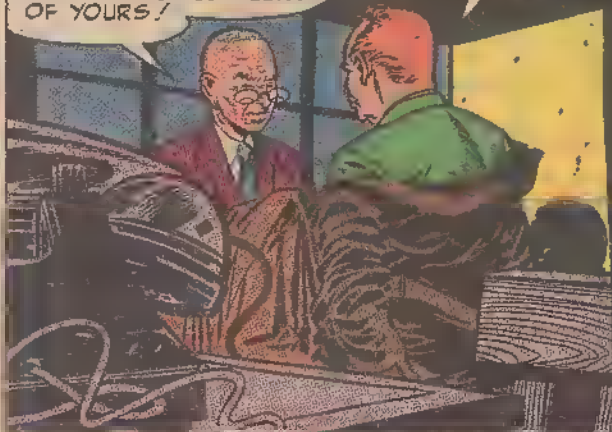
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OH, FINE! THIS FLOOR'S GOT LATE VISITORS! I HOPE THEY DON'T DECIDE TO LOOK AT THE VIEW OUTSIDE!



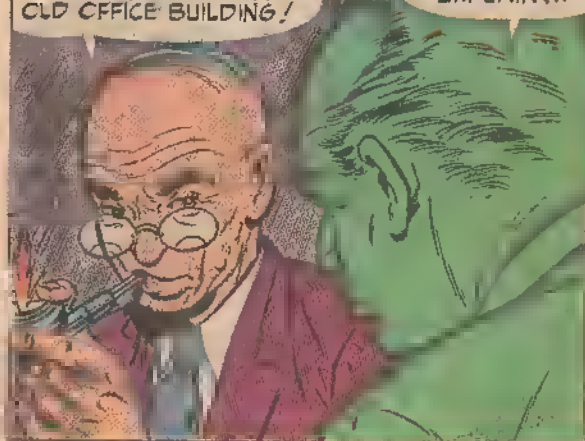
I GOT HERE AS SOON AS I COULD, MARK! YOUR TELEPHONE CALL **SURPRISED** ME! I THOUGHT YOU WERE STILL IN ARABIA, DIGGING UP THOSE PRECIOUS RELICS OF YOURS!

I'M GLAD YOU COULD COME, CARL! LOCK THE DOOR BEHIND YOU! WE'VE GOT TO TALK UNDISTURBED!



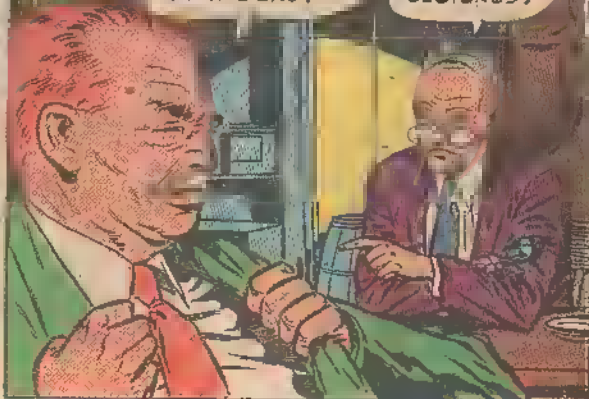
THIS ISN'T LIKE YOU, MARK! WHY ALL THE SECRECY? AFTER ALL, CALLING ME IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT AND THEN MEETING IN A DINGY ROOM OF AN OLD OFFICE BUILDING!

I KNOW IT'S UNUSUAL, BUT GIVE ME A CHANCE TO EXPLAIN...



CARL, FOR YEARS I'VE SEARCHED FOR SOME CLUE TO A THEORY OF MINE! I BELIEVE THAT **BEFORE RECORDED HISTORY** THERE EXISTED A CIVILIZATION AS GREAT... POSSIBLY **GREATER** THAN OURS!

DID YOU BRING ME HERE TO LISTEN TO ONE OF YOUR LECTURES?



NO! TO WITNESS MAGIC! TO SHED SOME LIGHT ON THE POSSIBLE SOURCE OF WHAT THE **SUPERSTITIOUS** HAVE LONG REFERRED TO AS WIZARDRY... HOCUS-FOCUS!



ON THE FIRE ESCAPE, OUTSIDE THE OFFICE WINDOW! THE LITTLE BURGLAR, WARILY KEPT HIS EYES UPON THE POLICEMAN BELOW... AND, HIS EARS ALERT TO THE CONVERSATION FROM WITHIN!



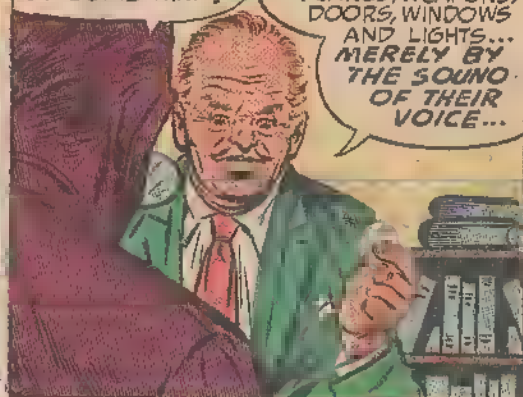
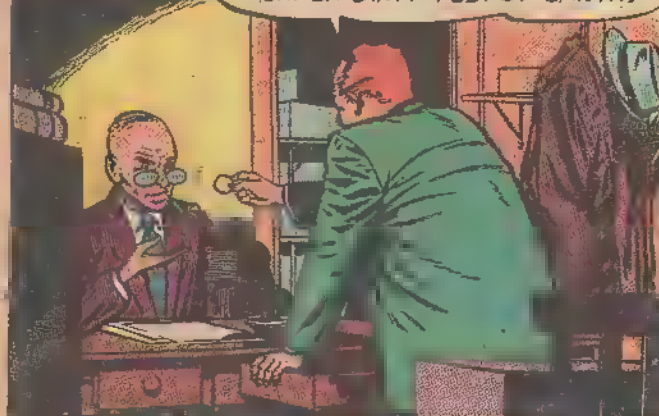
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IN THE OFFICE, THE SO-CALLED "LECTURE" BECAME INCREASINGLY INTRIGUING!

WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY, CARL, IS THAT THE HOCUS-POCUS SPELLS OF ENCHANTMENT AND WIZARDS' TRICKS... HAVE A FIRM FOUNDATION IN TRUTH! **LOOK AT THIS DISC!** IT WAS FOUND IN OUR DIGGINGS... UNDER SIXTY FEET OF EARTH!

IT SEEMS TO BE NOTHING MORE THAN A ROUND, THIN, FLAT PIECE OF METAL! THERE ARE A FEW LETTERS STAMPED ON IT! IS IT AN OLD COIN OF SOME KIND?

I THINK IT'S MORE THAN JUST THAT, CARL. CAN YOU IMAGINE A PEOPLE WHO **ACTIVATED** MACHINES, CARS, PLANES, WEAPONS, DOORS, WINDOWS AND LIGHTS... MERELY BY THE SOUND OF THEIR VOICE...



VERY INTERESTING! LIKE ANY WELL TOLD FAIRY TALE... WITH ITS COLLECTION OF WITCHES SPELLS AND INCANTATIONS!

YES! INCANTATIONS! THAT'S WHAT THEY BECAME WHEN THAT CIVILIZATION DIED! AND, ITS PEOPLE DEGENERATED INTO BARBARIANS AND MYSTICS!

ALLESTO
FIN
EMINOG
VYX!
KOR!

THE LETTERS ON THIS DISC ARE THE SAME AS THOSE IN OUR ALPHABET! I DON'T BELIEVE THEY WERE PUT TOGETHER TO FORM WORDS... BUT SOUNDS! MAGIC SOUNDS! LISTEN! **ALLESTO! FINEMINOG! VYXIKORION!**



CARL'S EYES WIDENED AS THE DOOR KNOB CLICKED...AND THE DOOR SWUNG OPEN!

THIS IS FANTASTIC! WHY, THE MERE SOUND OF THOSE LETTERS OPENED THE LOCK!

CARL! DO YOU REALIZE THIS DISC IS THE PERFECT KEY! THE VIBRATIONS SET IN MOTION BY THE MERE SOUND OF THOSE LETTERS WILL OPEN ANY LOCK OUR SCIENCE CAN PRODUCE!

THE AMAZING DEMONSTRATION HAD ALSO IMPRESSED THE BURGLAR... WHO WATCHED FROM THE WINDOW!

WOW! WHAT A GIMMICK!



BLACK MAGIC

AND THAT'S HOW FATE CAME TO TAKE A HAND IN THE DESTINY OF A STARTLING DISCOVERY!

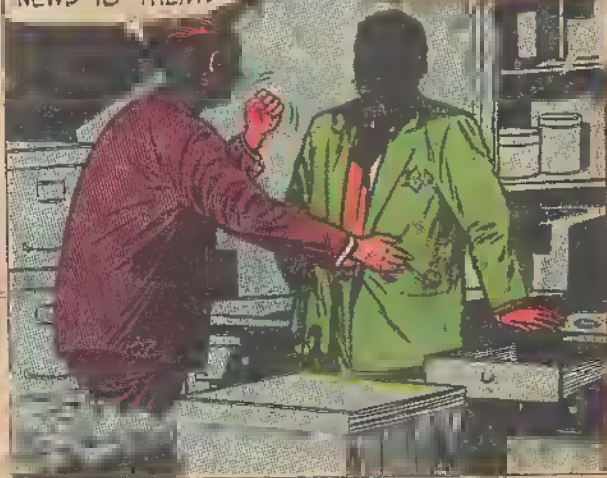
MARK! WE'VE GOT TO NOTIFY OUR COLLEAGUES ABOUT THIS! THEY'LL SHOWER YOU WITH ALL SORTS OF HONORS!

I PLANNED TO LET THEM KNOW! BUT I WANTED YOU TO SEE IT FIRST!



TELL YOU WHAT! LET'S CELEBRATE... BEFORE YOU BREAK THE NEWS TO THEM!

FINE, I'LL LEAVE THE DISC IN THIS DRAWER! IT'LL BE SAFE!



BUT WHEN THEY WERE GONE!

SAFE, HE SAID! HEH! HEH! SAFE IN THE POCKET OF BENNY THE DIP! I'VE GOTTA SHOW THIS TO DUTCH!



AN HOUR LATER, THE DISC AND ITS NEW OWNER WERE IN A COLD-WATER FLAT IN THE TENEMENT DISTRICT!



IT'S YOU, BENNY! WELL HOW DID YOU MAKE OUT?

GREAT, DUTCH, GREAT! I GOT A HUNDRED IN CASH... AND CLEANED A FEW SLOT MACHINES ON THE WAY HERE!

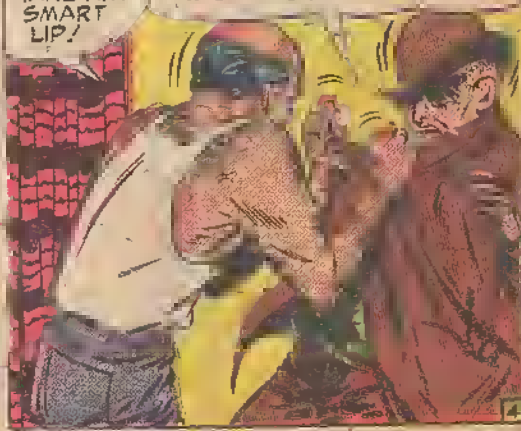
YOU LITTLE SHMO! DON'T YOU KNOW BETTER THAN TO RAID THOSE MACHINES! WHY THE COPS MIGHT'VE NAILED YA! AND JUST FOR A HATFUL OF PENNIES!

LISTEN, PAL! I DIDN'T BREAK OPEN THE MACHINES! I JUST TALKED TO THEM! AND PRESTO! THEY EMPTIED INTO MY HAT!



DON'T KID AROUND WITH ME, YOU PUNK! I DON'T TAKE ANY SMART LIP!

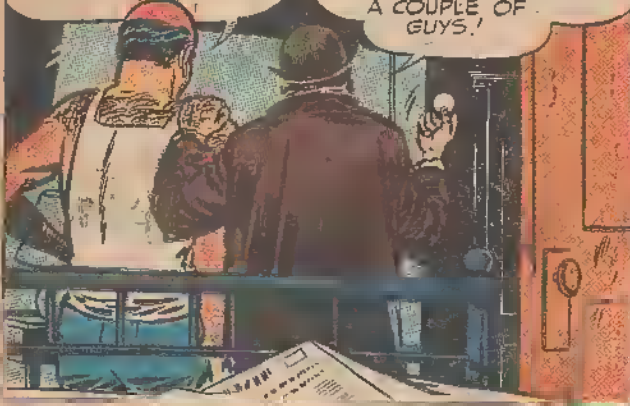
I'M NOT KIDDING YOU, DUTCH! I GOT A GIMMICK! IT CAN OPEN ANYTHING, I TELL YOU! WATCH THE DOOR... ALLESTO FINEMINGO VYXIKORION!



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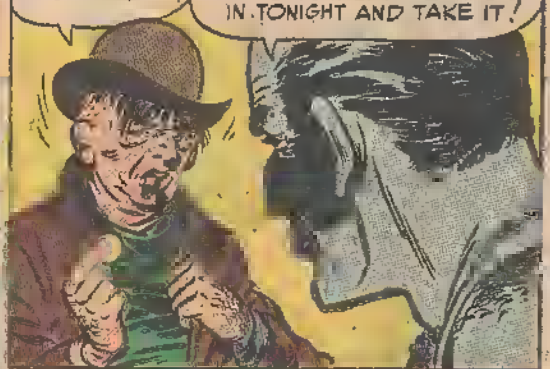
I MUST BE DREAMING!!
THAT DOOR WAS LOCKED
A MINUTE AGO! I SAW
YOU CLOSE IT MYSELF, BUT
NOW IT SWINGS OPEN
BY ITSELF!! HOW'D
YOU DO IT, BENNY?

THE GIMMICK! I SAY
THE MAGIC WORDS!
THEY'RE NOT EASY TO
PRONOUNCE, BUT I
MANAGE. SEE?
THEY'RE ON THIS PHONE
SLUG! I STOLE IT FROM
A COUPLE OF
GUYS!



JUST THINK, DUTCH,
I DON'T HAVE TO
JIMMY OPEN ANY
MORE WINDERS. I
JUST SAY THE
MAGIC WORDS, THE
DOOR OPENS,
AND, I WALK
RIGHT IN!

WHY, YOU LITTLE FOOL!
YOU'RE JUST SMALL
TIME!! THINK OF THE
BIG MONEY!! THE
VAULT AT THE TRUST
EXCHANGE BANK HAS
OVER A **MILLION**
DOLLARS IN IT! WHAT
DO YOU SAY WE WALK
IN TONIGHT AND TAKE IT!



THAT NIGHT, THE
TWO HOODS
DID JUST THAT!

OKAY! I PUT THE GUARD
TO SLEEP, GIVE WITH THE
HOCUS-POCUS.

ALLESTO -
FINEMINO
VYXIKORION!



WOW! THIS TRICK REALLY
FLOORS ME! GO AHEAD
INSIDE! GET TO WORK!

I'M GOING!
I'M GOING!



THE NEXT MORNING--

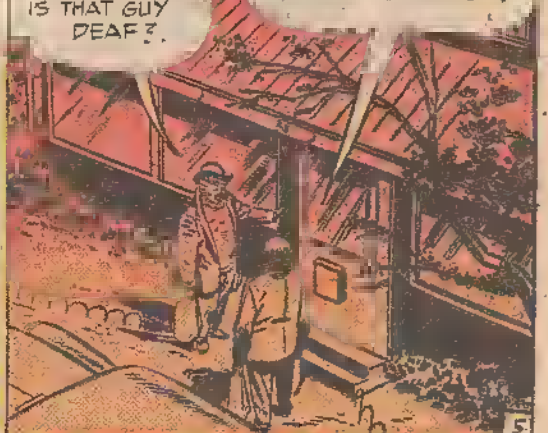
WE MADE A
CLEAN GETAWAY,
DUTCH! **NOW**
WHAT?

WE'VE GOT TO HIDE OUT,
STUPID! EVERY COP IN THE
COUNTRY WILL BE **LOOKING**
FOR US! AH! THERE'S THE
COTTAGE NOW, AN EX-CON I
KNOW IS THE CARETAKER THERE!
HE'LL PUT US UP UNTIL
THE HEAT'S OFF!



GEE, DUTCH, I'VE
BEEN RINGING THIS
BLASTED BELL
FOR THE LAST
FIVE MINUTES.
IS THAT GUY
DEAF?

MAYBE HE'S GONE
TO TOWN FOR SOME
GRUB. LET'S FIND
THE BACK DOOR!
IT MAY BE OPEN!



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MAGIC

WE'RE OUT OF
LUCK! THIS DOOR
IS CLOSED TOO.

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN,
DUTCH? NO DOOR IS
CLOSED TO US!
STAND ASIDE -



HA-HA-HA--OKAY, KID,
DO YOUR STUFF--

I'M IN FINE VOICE.
HERE GOES! ALLESTO-
FINEMINO VYKI-
KORION -



IT WAS AN OLD WELL. A VERY DEEP WELL.
CLOSED AND FORGOTTEN FOR MANY YEARS.
THE GRASS HAD GROWN OVER ITS COVER.
AND ONLY A FAINT, CIRCULAR OUTLINE GAVE
ANY INDICATION THAT THE OLD WELL
EXISTED. THE BACK DOOR MOVED AT
BENNY'S COMMAND. BUT SO DID THE
WELL COVER--UPON WHICH THEY BOTH
STOOD.

THEY FELL LIKE STONES. TURNING END
OVER END--IN THE DARKNESS THAT RUSHED
UP TO MEET THEM--BENNY, DUTCH AND
THE MONEY. THEN, THERE WAS SILENCE--AN
OPEN DOOR--AND THE WIDE, GAPING MOUTH
OF THE WELL!



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THREE HOURS LATER, THE OWNER OF THE COTTAGE AND THE CARETAKER RETURNED FROM TOWN...

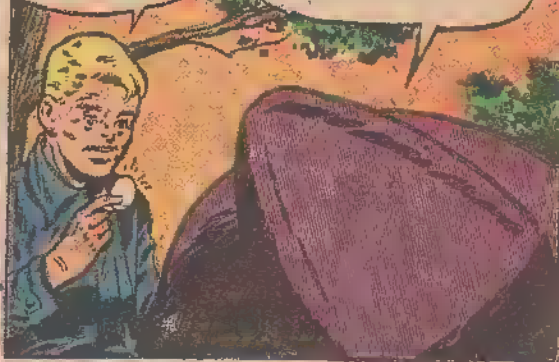
LARRY! LOOK! SOME-ONES BEEN HERE! THEY EVEN PRIED OPEN THE OLD WELL!

IT MUST HAVE BEEN THE JOKERS I SCARED OFF ONCE BEFORE! DON'T THEY REALIZE THAT OLD WELL IS 300 FEET DEEP?

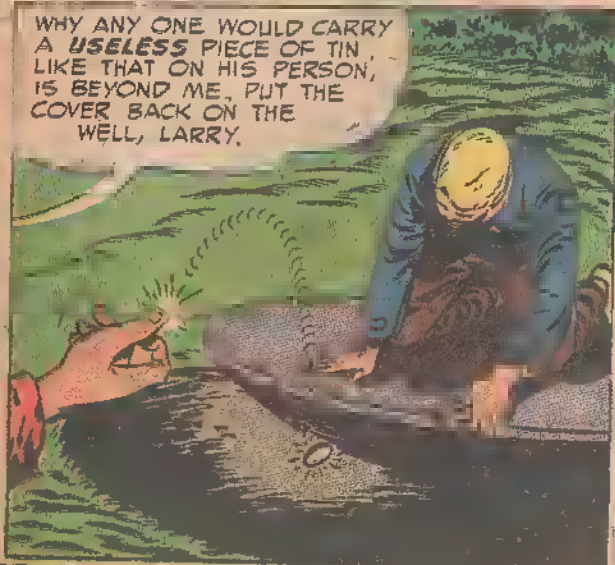


THEY MUST HAVE TAKEN OFF LIKE RABBITS. LOOKS LIKE THEY DROPPED THIS GREEK TOKEN IN THE RUSH TO GET AWAY!

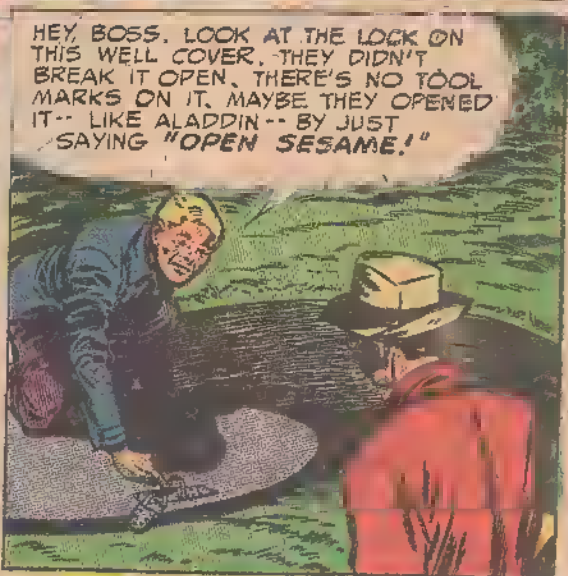
ON FOOT, MOST LIKELY. THEY FORGOT THEIR CAR. IT'S OUT IN FRONT. I'LL HAVE THE POLICE TAKE CHARGE OF IT. SAY, LET ME SEE THAT COIN--



WHY ANY ONE WOULD CARRY A USELESS PIECE OF TIN LIKE THAT ON HIS PERSON, IS BEYOND ME. PUT THE COVER BACK ON THE WELL, LARRY.



HEY, BOSS. LOOK AT THE LOCK ON THIS WELL COVER. THEY DIDN'T BREAK IT OPEN. THERE'S NO TOOL MARKS ON IT. MAYBE THEY OPENED IT-- LIKE ALADDIN-- BY JUST SAYING "OPEN SESAME!"



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A MAN'S CASTLE



THE house stood silently as it had for over two hundred years, marred only by the ravages of time. Almost as though with a mind of its own, it seemed to be watching and listening.

This day, there were loud angry voices in the usually quiet house, as Tom Farrell argued violently with his uncle, old Jonathan Farrell, who had lived for over eighty years in the house.

"Never," the old man cried for the third time. "I won't sell this house. As long as I'm living, it's going to remain here exactly as it is now."

"But, Uncle Jon, be reasonable," the young man chided him angrily. "This real estate company is willing to pay you more than \$50,000 for the house and property. They want to build a new apartment house here. Now stop being childish. You know you could use the money."

The old man looked at his nephew sadly. When he answered, his voice was low. "When you're as old as I am, Tom, money doesn't mean much any more. But old friends do. This house is my only friend. If I allowed it to be destroyed, it would be like murdering someone I loved."

"Oh, stop that kind of talk." Tom's voice grew louder as he grew angrier. "This is an old firetrap. It costs money to keep it open."

"It's still my money," his uncle reminded him.

"But some day it'll be mine," Tom thought to himself as he left the room.

The hallway smelled musty and he felt a strong need for fresh air. He started down the ancient stairway two steps at a time and suddenly he felt his feet go out from under him. He rolled for several feet before he was able to catch himself. He got up cautiously, looking behind him. There was nothing there he could have stumbled over and he had the distinct feeling of having been tripped.

"This house protects itself," his uncle's voice came to him from the head of the stairway.

There was no point in answering the old man. He was crazy, that was for sure—and he seemed

almost as old as the house itself. Why couldn't he die?

He climbed into his car and headed for the Penguin Club on the outskirts of town where he was supposed to meet Linda. He hoped she'd be in a good mood today. He'd taken too much from his uncle to put up with much from her.

He parked the car outside the club and sauntered into the bar, looking around for her. From the other end of the room, she waved to him.

"I've been waiting hours, honey," Linda greeted him. "What'd the old man say?"

"What do you think he said?" Tom snapped at her. "The only way I'll ever get anything out of that old goat is through his will."

"Well, you don't need to bark at me," Linda sulked. "When I first met you, you were always talking about what a snap it was going to be to get money out of the old guy. I can't live off your promises forever, you know."

"Lovers quarrel?" a voice interrupted them.

Tom looked up to see the huge figure of Joe Moran looking down at him. "Jiggs wants to see you," Joe said.

Tom felt the small hairs at the back of his neck rise. Jiggs was getting impatient for his money, already. He might not wait much longer.

"You stay here," he said to Linda as he stood up to follow Joe. "I'll try not to be long."

The two men didn't speak until they were in the hallway in the back of the building.

"You're being a bad boy," Joe snickered at him, with no humor in his face. Sometimes Jiggs has to teach you guys the rules."

"Lay off," Tom said as he opened the door to the club owner's office.

The small grotesque figure of Jiggs Sullivan greeted him from across an oversized desk. There was no friendship in the greeting.

"Well," he said and stopped.

"Look, Jiggs," Tom said, feeling his mouth growing dry. "I'm going to pay you. It won't be long now. I've got a real estate company that wants to buy the old man's place. All I have to do is convince him to sell. It won't take long."

"See that it doesn't," Jiggs said, and it was a dismissal. Tom left the room quickly, glad to

Old Jonathan Farrell said the house had a soul. Maybe he knew what he was talking about.

get away from there. He'd been such a fool to gamble with Jiggs in the first place. But, he'd learned his lesson. Never again--not even if a miracle happened and it turned out the old guy had a small fortune stashed away some place. Well, now the old geezer had to listen to him. Jiggs wasn't kidding. If he didn't pay off his gambling debts, Jiggs would have him killed. It was that simple.

Five hours later, Tom Farrell lay in his room, staring at the ceiling. It was hard for him to believe that his uncle had actually turned him down completely--even when he had told him it meant his life if he didn't get the money.

Well, by his refusal, the old guy had signed his own death warrant!

Tom made his plans quickly. The house must have at least \$25,000 insurance on it--and it was a firetrap. If it burned down and the old man was caught in it, no one would even think of investigating. Everyone would remember how eccentric the old guy had been, refusing to ever leave the place. Why, this afternoon, he'd even tried to scare him by telling him that the house had a soul of its own. Shades of the Supernatural. How crazy could you get?

Late that night, Tom Farrell sneaked into the old house, silently. He had been there often enough to know his way around and he made it to his uncle's room without being heard. It was only just as he was reaching down to choke the life out of the old man, that he had awakened. He'd screamed but it'd been his death scream. The noise had echoed and reechoed throughout the halls and empty rooms of the old house, until it seemed as though there had been a second scream, too.

Tom waited in the darkness. There was no further sound. No one had heard the cry. Now he had to work fast.

He carried the body to the attic. There, the accumulation of papers would be the perfect place to set a fire. But suddenly, he brought himself up short. For a second, he had thought he heard someone whispering.

"It's only the wind in the trees," he told himself aloud, but he felt himself shudder with fear.

He struck a match and lit a pile of papers. They began to blaze immediately and as soon as he was sure the fire was going good he headed for the door. He turned the knob and pulled but nothing happened.

SOMEONE HAD LOCKED THE DOOR! Panic overtook him. He had to get out of here or he'd be burned alive! He threw himself at the door, time and time again, more conscious with each second of the heat from the fire behind him. And finally, he felt the door give under his weight.

He paused for only a second outside the door, sucking in air. Now to get out of the house. He headed for the stairway and stepped down.

He felt the wood give way under his foot and then he was falling. He could hear himself screaming, but it seemed as though the voice came from someone else. "You're trying to destroy me," he heard himself sobbing, "You're trying to kill me like I killed you."

When he came to, he was at the foot of the stairs. Above him, the whole stairs blazed, throwing off brilliant red shadows. He could feel the heat all around him. He pulled himself to his feet in pain. He had to get out of that cursed house before the fire aroused the whole neighborhood.

In the fresh air, outside the door, he paused, breathing deeply and feeling the deep satisfaction of triumph.

"Maybe you did have life," he taunted the house. "Maybe you were trying to kill me, but I escaped you. I won. I won..." The sentence ended in a scream, as, looking up, he saw a section of the beam falling...

Nearby neighbors commented the next day that, as the old house burned, sounds issued from it as though it actually had life. Old men went so far as to say, "Old Jon always insisted the house had a soul. Wouldn't it be logical then to suppose that a house would fight against death as hard as a person would?"



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Even Cute Girls Become Careless

Easy, too easy, for a girl to think that if she has the latest in clothes and hair-do she needn't bother about blackheads. A little more make-up, she guesses, will take care of that. **BUT MAKE-UP WON'T HIDE BLACKHEADS!** Not unless it's plaster of paris, maybe! And even good make-up "slips" at a dance! So don't take chances, cute though you may be!

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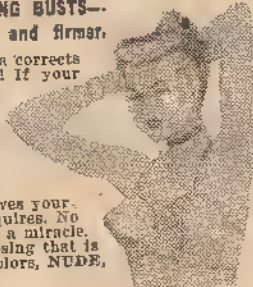


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HIDE!

IN THE INTERIOR OF INDIA, VERY LITTLE
SURPRISES A MAN AT HIGH NOON
DURING THE MIDST OF THE DRY
SEASON. AND SO, ARLINGTON PAID
LITTLE ATTENTION TO THE RAVING
AMERICAN WHO WANDERED INTO
THE FORWARD OFFICE OF THE
INLAND TRADING COMPANY.

ARE YOU THE MAN I
MUST SEE TO GET
SOME SUPPLIES?

AT THIS HOUR?
NO ONE IN HIS
RIGHT MIND—
EVEN AN AMERICAN

TRIES TO BUY
SUPPLIES AT
HIGH NOON IN
BAYUDAR!

LOOK! I'VE HAVEN'T ANY
TIME FOR STALLING! I
WANT CAMERAS, FOOD,
COOKING EQUIPMENT,
RIFLES, AMMUNITION--

ALL THAT,
IN A HURRY,
EH?

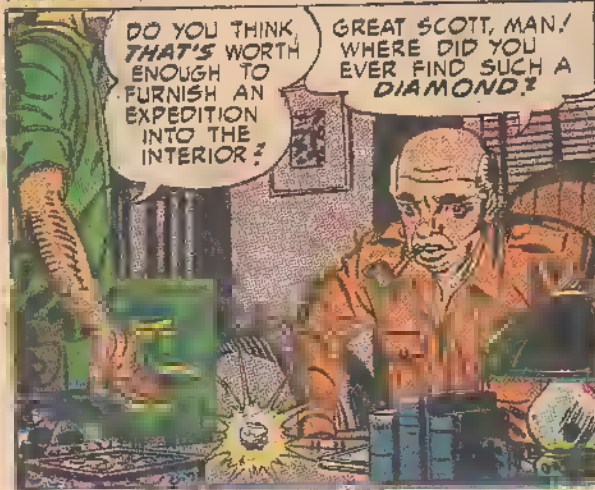
AT THE RISK OF
OFFENDING YOU, MY
BOY, I'D SAY YOU
DON'T LOOK LIKE A
MAN WHO HAS THE
MONEY TO PAY
FOR THE GOODS!

BLACK MAGIC

THE DISHEVELED AMERICAN FUMBLING IN HIS KNAPSACK FOR A MOMENT, AND THEN, THREW A SMALL OBJECT, CARELESSLY, ACROSS THE DESK! ARLINGTON'S EYES BULGED IN FROG-LIKE FASHION!

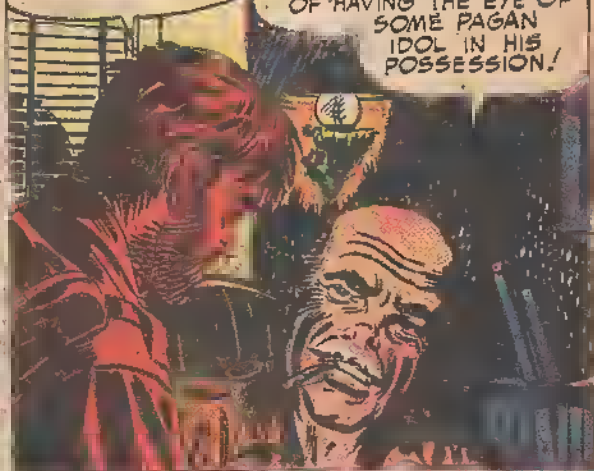
A "WHOPPER." ISN'T IT, IT'S YOURS... IF I GET WHAT I ASKED FOR!

THIS IS A STRANGE LAND! ONE IS APT TO AWAKEN WITH HIS THROAT SLIT... IF HE IS SUSPECTED OF HAVING THE EYE OF SOME PAGAN IDOL IN HIS POSSESSION!



DO YOU THINK THAT'S WORTH ENOUGH TO FURNISH AN EXPEDITION INTO THE INTERIOR?

GREAT SCOTT, MAN! WHERE DID YOU EVER FIND SUCH A DIAMOND?



OKAY, I'LL TELL YOU WHERE I GOT IT, BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO SWEAR NEVER TO BREATHE A WORD OF THIS TO ANYONE!

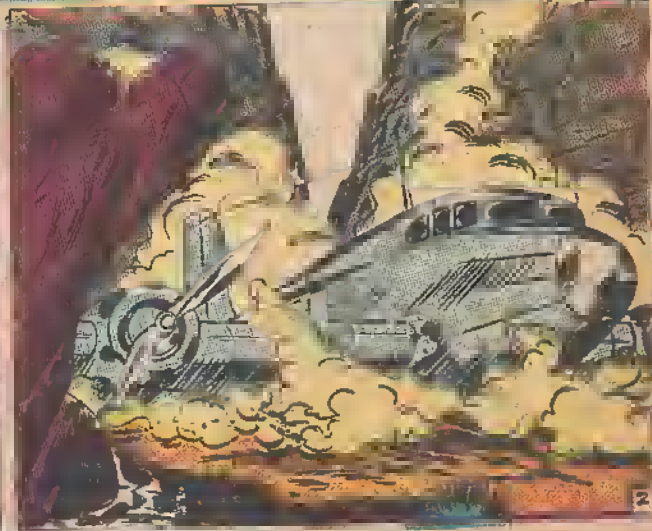
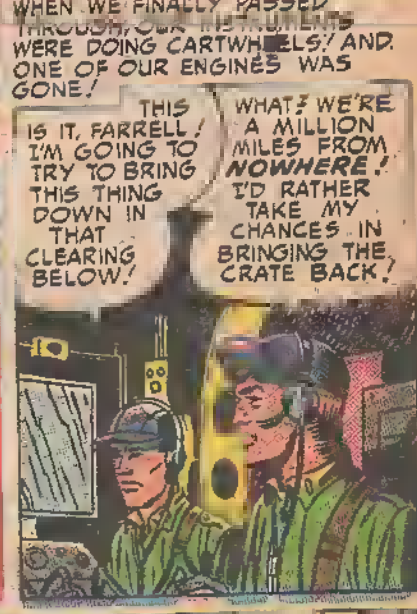
YOU HAVE MY WORD!

MY NAME'S JIM HANDLEY! I WAS AN AIRLINE PILOT ASSIGNED TO FLIGHTS INTO THE INTERIOR! ON ONE OF THESE FLIGHTS, WE RAN INTO A STORM...

WHEN WE FINALLY PASSED THROUGH, OUR INSTRUMENTS WERE DOING CARTWHEELS! AND ONE OF OUR ENGINES WAS GONE!

THIS IS IT, FARRELL! I'M GOING TO TRY TO BRING THIS THING DOWN IN THAT CLEARING BELOW!

WHAT? WE'RE A MILLION MILES FROM NOWHERE! I'D RATHER TAKE MY CHANCES IN BRINGING THE CRATE BACK!



BLACK MAGIC

WE MADE IT, HANDLEY! WHAT DO WE DO NOW? START WALKING FOR THE NEAREST BUS STOP!

I'M NOT SO SURE YOU AREN'T RIGHT! THIS PLACE HAS HAD VISITORS RECENTLY! LOOK AROUND YOU...

...IT'S MAN-MADE!

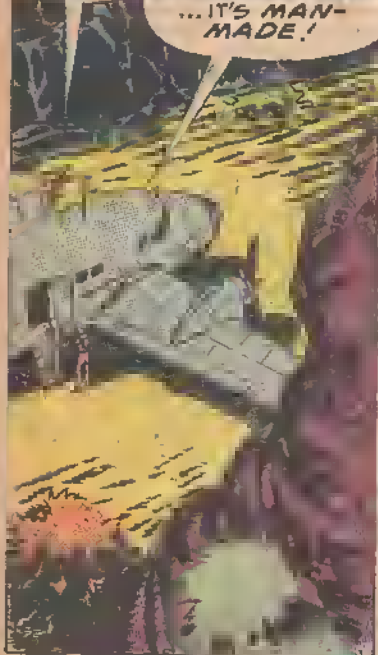
WELL, I WISH THEY WOULD HAVE BUILT A SHELTER OVER IT! IT'S GOING TO RAIN IN A FEW MINUTES! I CAN HEAR THE THUNDER!

RAIN? WHY THERE'S NOT A CLOUD IN THE SKY! BUT... YOU'RE RIGHT! I CAN HEAR THUNDER, TOO!

I DON'T WANT TO SEEM LINDLY NERVOUS, HANDLEY... BUT DO YOU NOTICE THAT EACH TIME WE HEAR THE THUNDER, THE GROUND SEEMS TO TREMBLE...

PROBABLY INTERNAL RUMBLINGS! YOU KNOW, EARTH-QUAKES! THEY'RE QUITE COMMON

AREA... ALTHOUGH, THEY NEVER DO MUCH HARM!



FARRELL SEEMED RELIEVED! BUT IN MY OWN MIND, THE CAUSE OF THE STRANGE RUMBLINGS SEEMED TO SUGGEST SOMETHING OMINOUS! I WAS GLAD WHEN TWILIGHT BEGAN TO SETTLE! AND WE HAD TO CAMP FOR THE NIGHT...

ONE-TWO-THREE-FOUR-

FOR PETE'S SAKE, BUCKO! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

.. FIVE! FIVE TOES, JIM! MAYBE YOU'LL THINK I'M CRAZY... BUT WE'RE STANDING IN THE FOOTPRINT OF A MAN!

SAY! THIS HOLLOW MAKES A PERFECT SPOT FOR A CAMP!

I WONDER HOW IT WAS FORMED! IT ALMOST LOOKS AS THOUGH IT HAD BEEN STAMPED INTO THE GROUND!



BLACK MAGIC

IT'S CLEAR AS CAN BE! **THIS IS A PERFECTLY SHAPED HUMAN FOOTPRINT!**

HEY! GET A GRIP ON YOURSELF! YOUR IMAGINATION IS RUNNING WILD!



I FINALLY SUCCEEDED IN GETTING FARRELL TO HIT THE SACK! I LAY AWAKE MYSELF FOR A FEW MINUTES! BUT FINALLY DROPPED OFF INTO THE SOFT ARMS OF MORPHEUS! THE SUN WAS HIGH IN THE SKY WHEN I OPENED MY EYES!

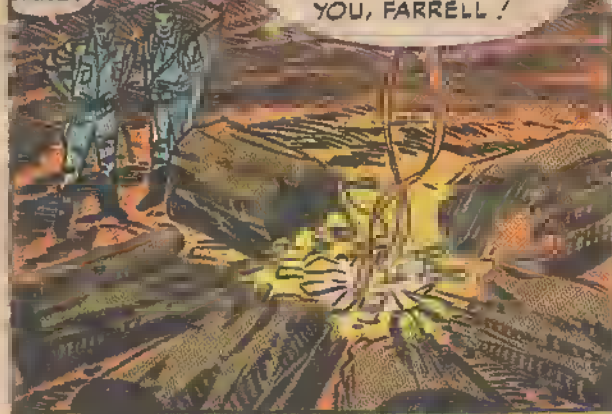
MY ACHING BACK! WHY DIDN'T YOU WAKE ME UP? COME ON! STOP PUTTERING AROUND! IT'S A LONG WAY TO TIMES SQUARE!

I WANTED TO INVESTIGATE THIS PLACE WITHOUT YOU INTERFERING! LOOK AT THIS FELLEED TREE! AND THEN, TRY TO TELL ME IT ISN'T A HAND-WHITTLED CLUB!



AND THIS CHARRED AREA! IF I WASN'T AFRAID OF CRACKING UP... I'D SAY THIS WAS THE SITE OF SOMEONE'S CAMP-FIRE!

OH... ANYONE CAN SEE THAT! AND THESE **HUGE TREE TRUNKS!** THEY WERE UNDOUBTEDLY THE **TWIGS** HE GATHERED FOR THE FIRE! THIS COUNTRY'S GETTING YOU, FARRELL!



LOOK AT THESE BONES! THEY'RE FROM A LARGE BEAST OF SOME KIND! AND THEY HAVEN'T BEEN WORRIED BY ANIMALS! THESE BONES HAVE BEEN PICKED CLEAN AT ONE SITTING! BY WHAT? BY WHOM?

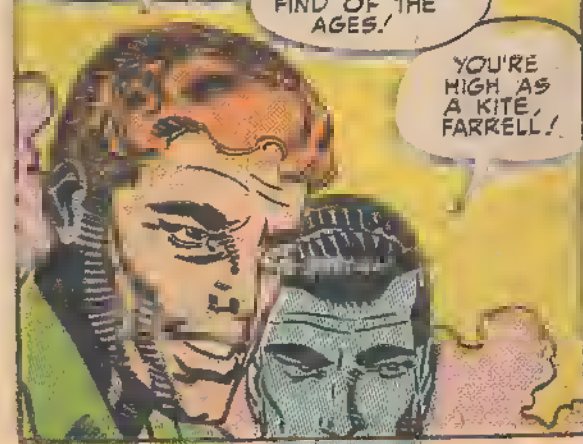


THE ANSWER IS CLEAR, JIM... IF YOU'VE GOT THE COURAGE TO BELIEVE IT! WE'VE STUMBLED UPON THE HUNTING GROUNDS OF A **GIANT!** A **GIANT!** WHAT A DISCOVERY! THE FIND OF THE AGES!

YOU'RE HIGH AS A KITE, FARRELL!

YOU THINK SO? LOOK AT THE END OF THIS CLUB!

JUMPING JUPITER! IT'S **BLOOD!**



BLACK MAGIC

AND THAT CAN MEAN ONLY ONE THING! IT'S THE WEAPON THAT WAS USED TO KILL THE BEAST WHOSE BONES WE'VE JUST SEEN! ONLY A GIANT COULD WIELD THIS CLUB!

OKAY! SO WE'VE FOUND US A GIANT! WHAT DO WE DO NOW? INVITE HIM TO TEA?



YEAH! ONLY HE STAYS FOR TEA, AS A PERMANENT GUEST! OUR GUEST! UNTIL A HIGH BIDDER TAKES HIM OFF OUR HANDS!

I SEE... I SEE!



THE GIANT'S TRAIL WAS EASY ENOUGH TO FOLLOW! IT WAS LIKE STALKING IN THE WAKE OF A BULLDOZER WHICH HAD SMASHED ITS WAY FORWARD WITH DEVASTATING PROGRESS!

THIS GUY HAS A MEAN DISPOSITION AND A TWELVE FOOT STRIDE!

IF HE DOESN'T STOP FOR A FIVE MINUTE BREAK, WE'LL NEVER CATCH UP WITH HIM!



WE FOUND OTHER THINGS THAT STRENGTHENED OUR BELIEF!

HE MUST HAVE HAD A BATTLE WITH AN ELEPHANT, JIM! LOOK AT THIS BROKEN TUSK!

BROKEN TUSK MY EYE! THAT'S A KING SIZE HUMAN TOOTH YOU HAVE THERE!



FINALLY, WE FOUND THE MOST CONCLUSIVE PROOF OF ALL!

IS EVEN BIGGER THAN WE THOUGHT! LOOK AT THESE HIDES, THEY'RE SEWN TOGETHER INTO A JACKET!

THESE BUTTONS.. THEY'RE AS BIG AS DINNER PLATES!



FARRELL, I'M NOT SO SURE WE'RE DOING THE RIGHT THING HERE! THIS GUY WOULD SQUASH US LIKE ANTS... IF HE THOUGHT...

JIM, LOOK! A FIRE! THIS IS THE BREAK WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR! BIG BOY IS CAMPING FOR THE NIGHT... AND HE'S NO MORE THAN A HALF MILE AWAY!



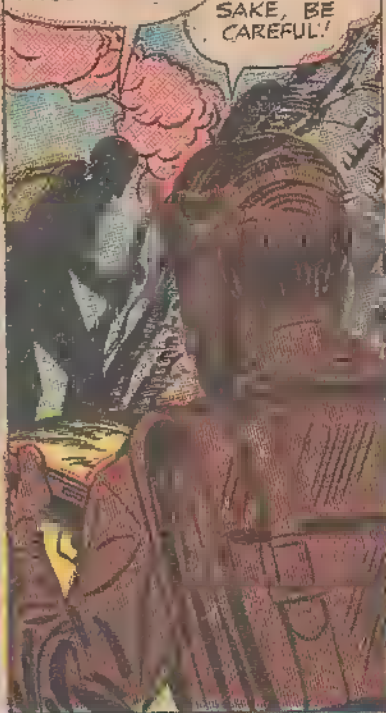
BLACK MAGIC

IT'S STRANGE HOW ALL FEAR LEAVES WHEN THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A GREAT ADVENTURE* APPEARS IMMINENT. FARRELL AND I, WITH ALMOST NO KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT WE WERE LETTING OURSELVES IN FOR, PICKED UP OUR RIFLES AND RAN TOWARD THE SPOT WHERE THE FLAMES WERE LEAPING INTO THE SKY.



HE ISN'T THERE! BUT HE COULDN'T HAVE GONE FAR. LOOK! YOU COVER ME, WHILE I GO ON AHEAD AND INVESTIGATE.

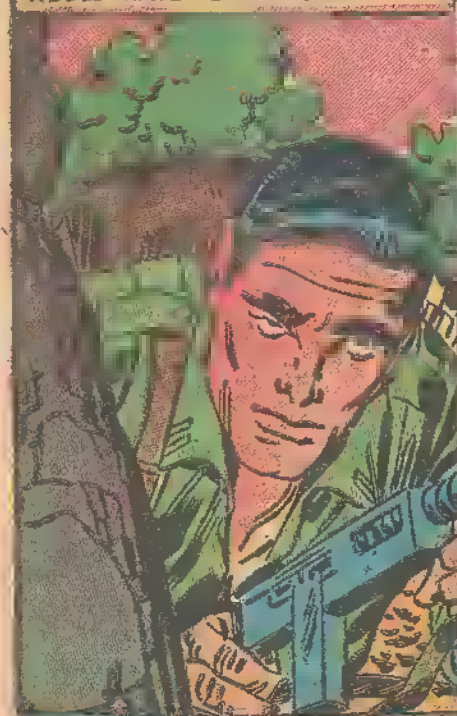
FARRELL, FOR PETE'S SAKE, BE CAREFUL!



I WATCHED FARRELL MOVING CAUTIOUSLY AROUND THE FIRE, BUT AS HE DISAPPEARED AROUND THE OTHER SIDE, I REALIZED THAT, FOR MY COVER TO BE EFFECTIVE, I WOULD HAVE TO FOLLOW HIM.

ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FIRE, BIG BOY WAS NOWHERE TO BE SEEN. SUDDENLY, I NOTICED A PATH IN THE BRUSH THAT I PRESUMED HE MUST HAVE TAKEN, AND I PROCEEDED ALONG IT CAUTIOUSLY.

FARRELL!
FARRELL --
WHERE
ARE YOU?

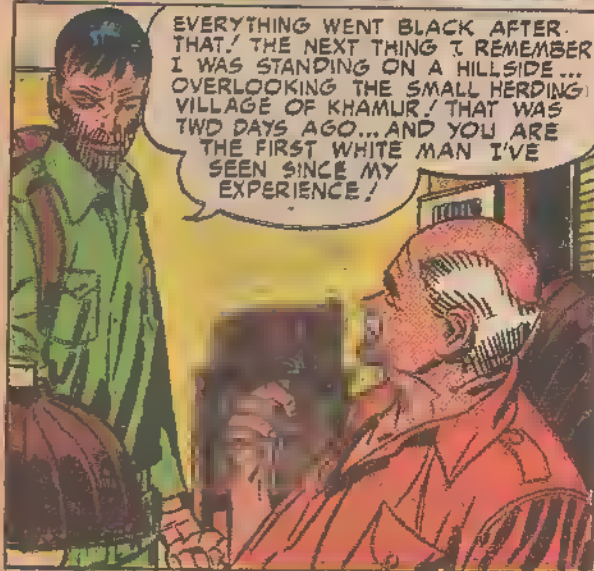


BLACK MAGIC

SUDDENLY, THE WHOLE AREA WAS THROWN INTO DARKNESS, AS THOUGH THE FIRE BEHIND ME HAD GONE OUT. AT FIRST, I DIDN'T REALIZE WHAT HAD HAPPENED, BUT SLOWLY, THE THOUGHT CAME TO ME THAT I WAS BEING ENVELOPED BY A HUGE SHADOW... THE SHADOW OF A MAN...



I JUST FROZE, AND THEN, MUSTERING WHAT WAS LEFT OF MY COURAGE, I SLOWLY TURNED AROUND!

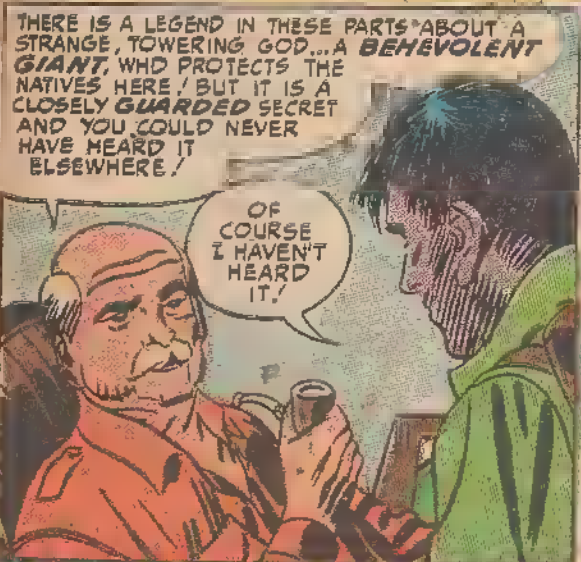


EVERYTHING WENT BLACK AFTER THAT! THE NEXT THING I REMEMBER I WAS STANDING ON A HILLSIDE... OVERLOOKING THE SMALL HERDING VILLAGE OF KHAMUR! THAT WAS TWO DAYS AGO... AND YOU ARE THE FIRST WHITE MAN I'VE SEEN SINCE MY EXPERIENCE!



I THOUGHT... BUT NO, THAT COULDN'T BE! THE STORY COULDN'T POSSIBLY HAVE REACHED CALCUTTA! AND YET...

WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOU DRIVING AT?



THERE IS A LEGEND IN THESE PARTS ABOUT A STRANGE, TOWERING GOD... A **BEHEVOLENT GIANT**, WHO PROTECTS THE NATIVES HERE! BUT IT IS A CLOSELY GUARDED SECRET AND YOU COULD NEVER HAVE HEARD IT ELSEWHERE!

OF COURSE I HAVEN'T HEARD IT!



HE'S NO LEGEND! HE'S **REAL**! I WAS PICKED UP BODILY FROM THAT WILDERNESS AND PLACED NEAR SAFETY! I'VE GOT TO GO BACK! FARRELL IS STILL THERE!

BLACK MAGIC

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE YOUR STORY, BUT I WILL SELL YOU THE EQUIPMENT.

GOOD! I GUESS YOU'LL KNOW BETTER THAN I EXACTLY WHAT I'LL NEED! I'M GOING ON AHEAD TO KHAMUR TO TRY TO ROUND UP A HUNTING PARTY. JUST SEND IT UP THERE, I'LL GIVE YOU THE DETAILS!

BY THE WAY, YOU HAVEN'T TOLD ME WHERE YOU GOT THAT JUMBO DIAMOND!

OH, THAT! THAT WAS ONLY ONE OF THE MANY THAT WAS SET IN THE BUTTONS ON THE JACKET WE FOUND!



THAT WAS FIVE YEARS AGO. WITH THE CURRENT SITUATION WHAT IT IS IN THE INTERIOR OF ASIA, NO NEWS OF HANDLEY HAS EVER COME OUT AND YET, ARLINGTON STILL HAS HOPES OF SEEING HIM AGAIN...PERHAPS, WHEN THINGS SETTLE DOWN WE MAY LEARN A NEW AND STARTLING FACT!

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